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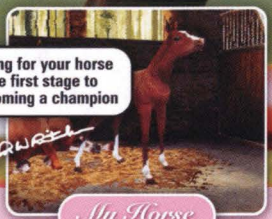

My Horse

My Friend

My Champion!

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Welcome to *Girl Gamer*

***Girl Gamer* is a new magazine specially for girls like you. Here you can find out all about the fab Nintendo Wii and all the great games you can buy this winter – just in time for Christmas! If** you've already got a Wii you can find out what's new to play on it and if you haven't tried the Wii yet we'll explain why it's so cool. With games like *Tomb Raider Anniversary* and *The Golden Compass* coming soon, it's the perfect time to find out more about what the Wii has to offer.

We've also got everything you need to know about the Nintendo DS Lite, the world's most popular console, which you can get in black, white or pink. Games such as *My Horse & Me* and *My Pet Dolphin* let you take your very own pet wherever you go, or if you fancy creating fantastic outfits for celebs why not play *Fashion Designer*? You can even find out here about games where you can be a top chef or look after six babies as a nanny!

Finally, there's also a great competition where ten lucky winners will get a DS Lite and game, so don't miss your chance to win on page 20.

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Girls' Guide To The DS Lite

Everything you need to know!

The Nintendo DS Lite is a handheld games machine that's perfect for playing wherever you go. It's small and light so it easily fits in your bag or pocket, and the batteries last for up to nine hours so you don't have to worry about sitting near a plug. When you're not playing you can just fold it shut to keep it safe. And it looks great too – you can choose from black, white or pink; whichever colour you like most.

DS LITE

You can easily personalise your DS with lots of accessories. You could start with a new stylus and skin in a funky new pattern, and you can also choose from lots of different cases to keep your DS clean and safe. Most have special pockets to store your spare games and stylus too. If you want your games a little louder you can also get a set of speakers, or if your parents are always telling you to turn it down, you can get special DS headphones, or even a headset with a built-in microphone too. Finally, you can even turn your DS into an MP3 player by storing songs on an SD memory card and plugging it into a special USB adapter.

'DS' stands for 'Dual Screen' because it has two separate displays – the top screen for you to watch what's going on while the bottom one is touch-sensitive so you can control what's going on. You can either use the special stylus that comes with the DS or your finger. In games like *Trauma Center* you can use the stylus to cut, sew up and wrap bandages.

There's a microphone too, which you can talk and sing into in games like Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, and in games like *Nintendogs* you can even blow into it to blow bubbles or blow things away.

If you want to play a multiplayer game with friends, the DS is wireless so you can connect to another DS without any cables. You can even play with people all over the world through Nintendo's Wi-Fi connection – it's free to use, and you can log in using your broadband internet at home or a Wi-Fi hotspot. +

"Perfect for playing wherever you go"

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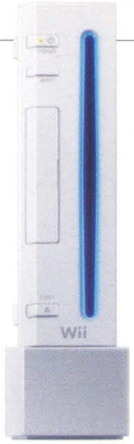
Girls' Guide To The Wii



Easy to pick up, hard to put down!

The Nintendo Wii is different to any other games console, because the controllers actually react to all your movements – you just wave, shake, point or rotate the wireless Wii remote to control the objects on-screen, like a tennis racket, a steering wheel, or even a quiz-game buzzer.

And if you've got the Wii remote in your right hand you can also use the Nunchuk in your left hand. The Nunchuk is motion-sensitive too. It connects to the Wii remote and comes with a joystick on top.

When you start playing the Wii, the first thing you should do is create your Mii character – a mini version of yourself to play in all your games. You can pick your face shape, hairstyle and colour, and choose your eyes, nose and mouth so it looks just like you. And then you can make your Mii the same height as you are! When you've finished you can save your Mii onto your Wii remote and take it with you when you play at friends' houses.

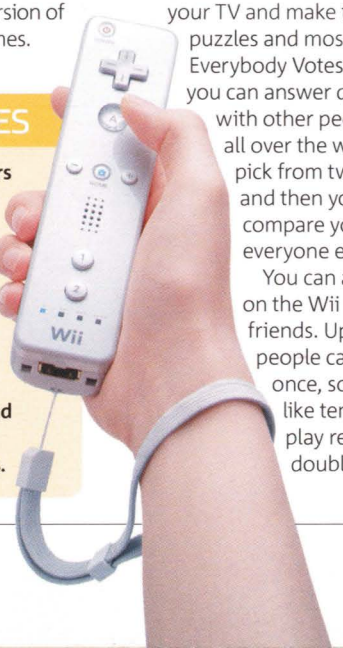
The Wii comes with *Wii Sports*, so you can play tennis, golf, baseball, bowling and boxing. And if you connect your Wii to the internet you can browse through websites, as well as download more games from old Sega and Nintendo consoles.

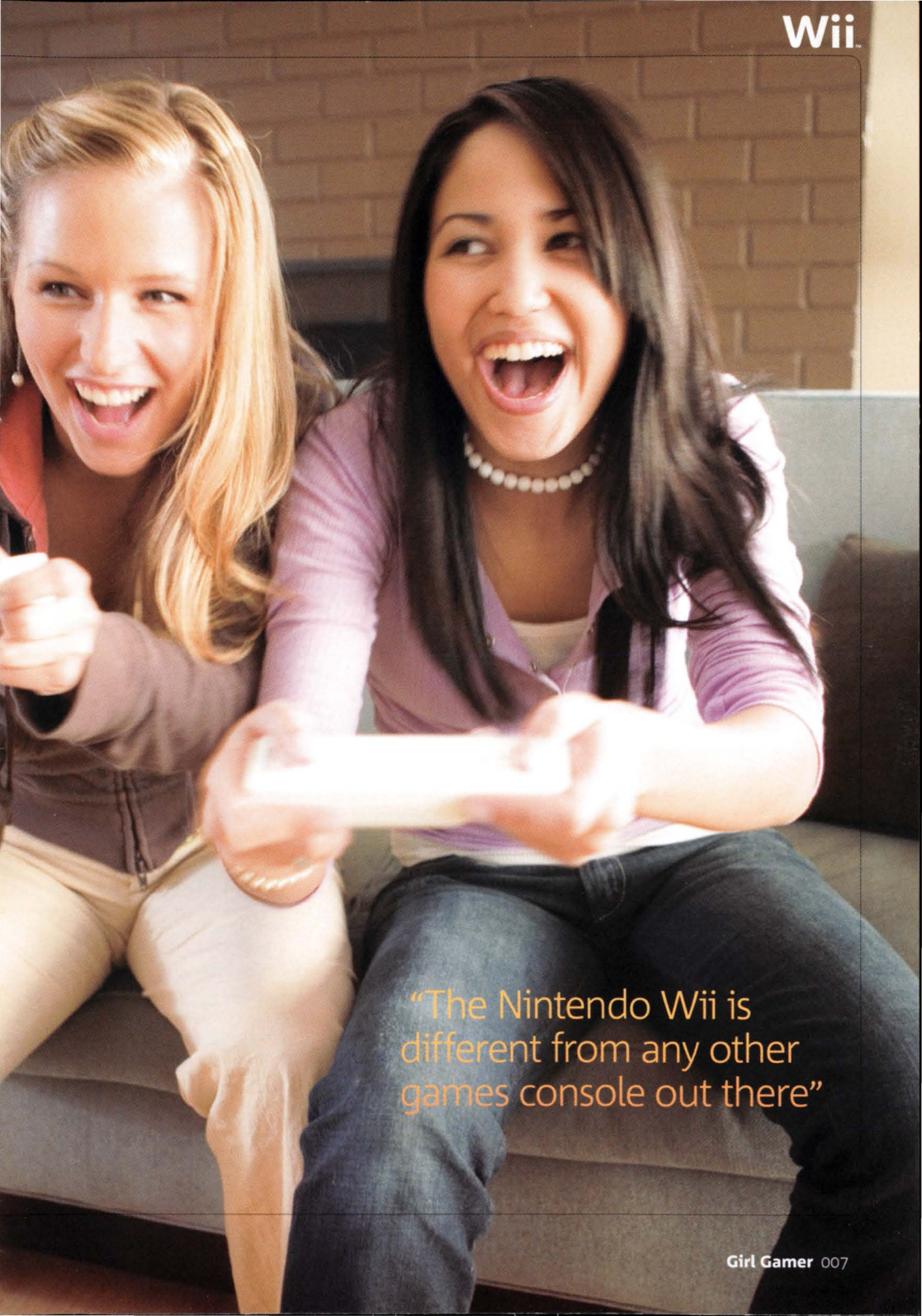
If you have any photos saved on an SD memory card you can put this in the Wii's card slot, look at them on your TV and make them into puzzles and mosaics. On the Everybody Votes Channel, you can answer questions with other people from all over the world – just pick from two answers, and then you can compare yourself with everyone else.

You can also play on the Wii with your friends. Up to four people can play at once, so in games like tennis you can play real games of doubles.

WII ACCESSORIES

You can get special controllers for different Wii games, like a steering wheel for driving games. You can also get tennis racket, baseball bat and golf club adapters for the Wii remote and a microphone for singing games like *Boogie*. Skins are also available for your Wii and the controllers, in lots of different designs and colours.

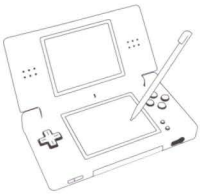




"The Nintendo Wii is different from any other games console out there"

OUT NOW

Imagine™



Games for Everyone

Cooking, babysitting, fashion designing, it's all here!

Are you sick and tired of games full of shooting and fighting? Wouldn't you rather be playing games that let you do fun stuff like take care of cute babies, create your own clothing designs or look after animals? Well the Imagine series, designed just for girls, will let you do exactly that!

In *Imagine Babies*, you have to babysit all sorts of cute and cuddly tots (up to six at once if you can handle it!) and make sure they're properly taken care of. You can feed them, rock them in a cradle to help them sleep, take them to the garden so they can play on a swing and give them loads of toys to play with!

Imagine Happy Cooking sees you playing as a little girl called Lisa who

***Happy Cooking* gives you advice and tells you how to make a meal.**

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Ubisoft
- **Developer** Various
- **Multiplayer** Yes
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

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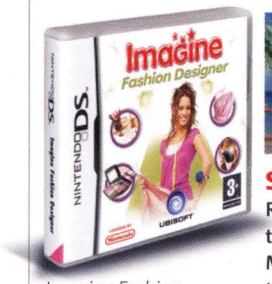

Imagine Fashion Designer: Out now

Style It Up!

Reckon you could be the next Versace? Make your own styles then send them to your friends online!

Imagine Babies: Out now

Babies On Board!

Look after up to six cuddly tots at once! Take care of them and earn money to help improve your house!

has to cook dinner before her dad comes home. You have to use the stylus on the touch screen to make each meal, from chopping lettuce by tapping the screen to stirring ingredients in a bowl!

If you're more interested in fashion than babies or cooking, you might like *Imagine Fashion Designer* instead. Here you can make your own lines of clothing by choosing your own cuts, colours and patterns. Once you've made your hip new creation, you can set up a photo shoot and share your creations with your friends online!

Finally, there's *Imagine Pet Vet*. Here you not only have to look after all sorts of sick animals by using the stylus as a stethoscope, syringe, microscope and thermometer, but you also need to make your vet clinic grow bigger and bigger so you can treat more pets. Whatever you're into, these games are perfect!

For more information visit www.imaginegame.com ✚

Imagine Fashion Designer **lets you create your very own clothing lines!**

Ever wanted to make your own cool styles? Now you can!

Imagine Imagine Imagine Imagine Imagine

Imagine Pet Vet: Out now

You're The Doc!

As a vet in an animal clinic, it's up to you to take care of as many poorly pets and animals as you can!

Imagine Happy Cooking: Out now

Bon Appetit!

Help Lisa cook for her dad before he gets home. A famous chef teaches you how to make each meal!

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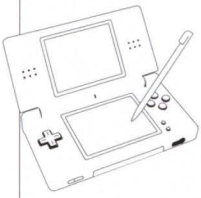
Disney Interactive Collection

Disney magic on your Nintendo DS!



You don't need us to tell you how special Disney movies and cartoons are. Time and time again they've given us laughs and smiles like no other films can, and some of the most memorable characters ever. So if you blushed at *Beauty And The Beast*, laughed at *The Lion King* and were in stitches at *Lilo & Stitch*, then these three new Disney games are well worth a look.

First up is *Disney Friends*, a virtual pet game with a difference. Instead of the usual games that have you looking after cuddly animals, *Disney Friends* has you looking after popular Disney characters instead! So you'll be using the DS's touch screen and microphone to interact with Stitch from *Lilo & Stitch*, Dory from *Finding Nemo*, Simba from *The Lion King* and Winnie the Pooh.

Use the DS's microphone to interact with Stitch in *Disney Friends*.

"These three games are absolute must-haves"

Then there's *Disney Princess*, a game that lets you take control of your favourite Disney heroines in a quest to recover magical jewels and restore the magical power of the kingdom. The Disney characters involved in the game are Cinderella, Show White, Aurora from *Sleeping Beauty*, Belle from *Beauty & The Beast*, Jasmine from *Aladdin* and Ariel from *The Little Mermaid*.

Finally, *Enchanted* is based on the upcoming Disney movie of the same name where a girl called Giselle finds herself travelling between the animated kingdom of Andalasia and the real-life New York City. You get to play as Giselle, who can summon animals and use her singing powers to thwart the evil Queen. You can also control Prince Edward, who can ride a horse and battle enemies with his sword. There is even a great selection of mini-games starring a chipmunk named Pip who has to race against the clock and find various items.

These three games are absolute must-haves for any girls who love a little bit of Disney magic. ✚

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Disney Interactive
- **Developer** Various
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

DISNEY FRIENDS

Use the stylus and microphone to befriend a variety of cute Disney characters. You'll earn special gold coins which can buy items for your new Disney friends.

Winnie the Pooh is just one of many great Disney characters you can befriend.

ENCHANTED

Take control of Giselle, Prince Edward and Pip the chipmunk as they attempt to thwart the evil Queen Narissa. You can create your own dresses and share them with friends.

Take control of heroic Prince Edward in your attempt to get the better of evil Queen Narissa.

DISNEY PRINCESS

Help six of the most well-loved Disney heroines save the kingdom by recovering the stolen magical jewels. Use your stylus to draw in missing parts of the kingdom and collect a variety of different items to earn a special golden dress for each princess.

Choose your heroine and restore the magical power of the kingdom in *Disney Princess*.

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Girl Power

Our top five girl gaming icons

01 Princess Peach

Peach has been around for a long time (she first appeared in 1985!) and while she's usually getting kidnapped by the evil Bowser and being rescued by Mario, there are times when she fights back and shows that she's as strong as anyone else. For example, in *Super Princess Peach* (her very first lead role), she fights her way through the whole Mushroom Kingdom to rescue Mario!

02 Lara Croft

The elegant Lady Croft has been raiding tombs for over a decade now and she's still as strong and athletic as ever. She's soon appearing in *Tomb Raider Anniversary*, which we think is the best *Tomb Raider* game yet. This is one lady that outdoes all the boys.

03 Amy Rose

For every hero there's always a girl there to support him, and that's just what Amy Rose does for Sonic The Hedgehog. Although when she first appeared she only turned up to stare lovingly at Sonic, a few years later gamers could control her in *Sonic Adventure* and could see just how strong she actually is!

04 Chun Li

The *Street Fighter* games are a really popular series of fighting games where competitors from all over the world come together to see who's the strongest. In the most popular of these titles, *Street Fighter II* and *Street Fighter II Turbo*, there was one female character, Chun Li, who was extremely quick and could deliver some deadly blows. She's a truly tough chick.

05 Samus Aran

Samus is the heroine of Nintendo's *Metroid* series of games. Because she usually wears her huge power suit, a lot of people don't actually realise there's a woman under there! When the first *Metroid* game came out in 1986, if you completed the game, Samus would remove her suit to reveal she was actually a girl, which shocked a lot of gamers who thought they were actually playing as a man!

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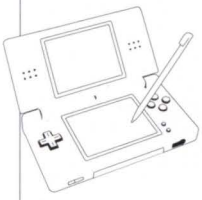
Fashion Designer: Style Icon

It's a cut above the rest!



The life of a fashion designer is fantastic, creating clothes for glamorous style icons all over the world. And now you can join in by playing a young designer in this great new game.

In Career mode you start in fashion college, where you can learn how to choose the fabric and create the patterns for your designs, and then use the stylus to cut out and sew together your outfits.

When you've graduated from college you can start your own design company working for the rich and famous and selling your clothes in shops. At the end of each level you show off your designs in catalogues or on film posters, or pick models to wear your clothes on the catwalk.

There's also a Freestyle mode, where you can design whatever you like and you can also play against your friends in design challenges through the DS's wireless connection.

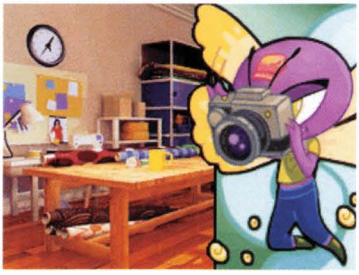
To do well you have to be quick, accurate and creative in your designs. Then you can unlock more fabrics, patterns and accessories, plus more supermodels to wear your clothes.

But watch out for the evil General Gothmoth and his band of moths! They want to destroy your precious fabrics so you have to protect your designs from their cunning attacks.

Fashion Designer is a great game for anyone who's feeling creative! ✚

> "A great game for anyone who's feeling creative"

You can design every part of the clothing, from the shape to the colour and style of the fabric.



The evil moths are out to ruin your hard work, so watch out for them!

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** 505 Games
- **Developer** Creative Patterns
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No

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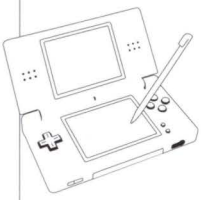
My Pet Dolphin

Make a splash on your DS!



Dolphins are cute and clever, and *My Pet Dolphin* lets you look after your own dolphin. It lives in the aquarium with other animals like penguins and walruses, and joins in with a show, 'Animals of the Sea'.

You can use the stylus to guide your dolphin and show it where to swim and how to play ball games. You can also feed your pet with fish and stroke its head when it does well. Your score is measured by how much your dolphin loves you!

Once you and your dolphin have learnt the basics, you can teach it more complicated tricks like shaking hands and catching a ball. You just drag with the stylus to show your dolphin which way to go and how to swim in a circle. Then you have to perform these tricks in front of an audience and if the crowd is impressed, you'll score more points.

> "You can teach it tricks like catching a ball"

If the crowd are impressed with your dolphin's performance, you'll end up scoring more points.

If you're having trouble learning any of the tricks, you'll find helpful hints in the trivia section and encyclopedia. This is full of fun facts about whales and dolphins too. +

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** 505 Games
- **Developer** Starfish
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No

Use the stylus to teach your dolphin tricks, like how to shake hands.

It's important to keep your dolphin happy to make him perform well.

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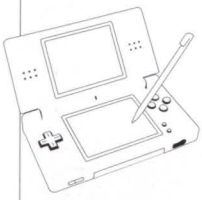
Animal Paradise

It's your very own virtual farm!



Have you ever wanted to go to a farm and play with all the animals there; petting the dogs, grooming the horses, feeding the squirrels and so on? Well, *Animal Paradise* lets you do just that, and with a massive 18 different animals to play with you can be sure there's lots to see and do!

The game puts you on your uncle's farm, and it's up to you to make sure all the animals there are well looked after, clean and happy.

There's an enormous range of cute and cuddly animals to interact with on the farm, from American shorthair cats to pot-bellied pigs. To take care of each animal though, you need to make sure you perform all the various tasks required: feeding the chickens corn, brushing the rabbits clean, washing the dogs with a hose, and so on. You can even play a game with the animals by tickling them with a feather!

18 Animals

> "There's something here for every animal lover"

As you get to know your new friends better, you'll unlock special mini-games that vary between each animal. These include, amongst others, feeding the friendly squirrel his nuts as quickly as possible, making music with the ducks or simply making your dog look clean and pretty.

After you've met and befriended the animals on the farm your uncle or his assistant takes a photo and gives it to you. Collect all 324 photos and complete your album by making sure you continue to love all the animals you meet.

Animal Paradise is the closest you'll get to playing with animals on a farm without having to wash the mud off afterwards, and with loads of different animals to take care of there's definitely something here for every animal lover! +

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Empire Interactive
- **Developer** Agatsuma
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

You'll need to regularly spray your dog to make sure it's clean and healthy.

Brushing the hamster will help to keep it happy and healthy.

FEEDING TIME!

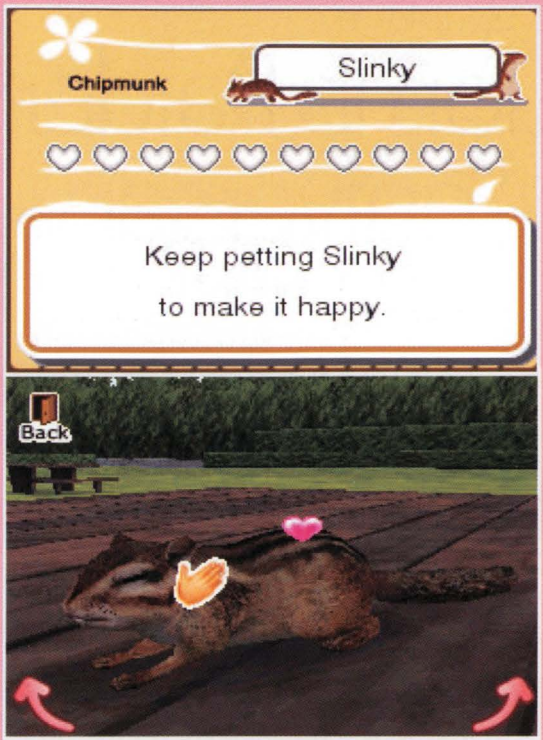
Each animal needs certain food.

Something's Fishy

As you take care of your animals they begin to get hungry. Our cat Fluffy loves fish, as you can see here.

Golden Delicious

However, Mary (our golden hamster) isn't into fish, so instead we feed her lettuce and carrots!



The 18 different animals need different things to make them happy. This squirrel, for example, needs you to pet him regularly to cheer him up.

The more you take care of your animal and make it happy, the more likely it'll fall in love and become your friend.

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Tomb Raider Anniversary

Lara shows that girls are stronger!

If you don't know who Lara Croft is, let us fill you in. For the past 11 years she's been shooting bad guys and exploring caves, showing the world just how tough women can be. She's become such a popular role model and such a strong heroine that there have even been two *Tomb Raider* films. People say she's like a female Indiana Jones but we reckon she could take Indy too!

"Lara Croft is the toughest girl in gaming"

Tomb Raider Anniversary is inspired by the very first *Tomb Raider* game, with all-new Wii controls that give you greater control of Lara than ever before. You'll be using the Wii Remote to swing across chasms, leap over huge pits and climb ancient sculptures to solve the mysteries of the tombs.

Lara can hold onto all sorts of ledges and cliffs to get through each level.

The Remote is used in a number of unique ways. Whether you're taking charcoal rubbings of clues, drawing hieroglyphics in the sand or using the archaeologist's tool kit to chisel away bits of rock, you'll really feel like you've stepped into the shoes of the world's greatest female adventurer.

Lara will come face-to-face with all sorts of deadly obstacles standing in her way. If she steps on the wrong slab she might trigger a dangerous trap and there are all sorts of enemies out to stop her, from evil henchmen to bears and even dinosaurs!

Lara Croft is far and away the toughest girl in gaming and she needs your help to see her through. Are you up to the challenge? ✚

GAME INFO

- **Format** Wii
- **Publisher** Eidos
- **Developer** Crystal Dynamics
- **Controller** Wii Remote/ Nunchuk
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No

The game looks very detailed and you really feel like part of the action!

You'll need good timing to help Lara grab onto these horizontal poles.

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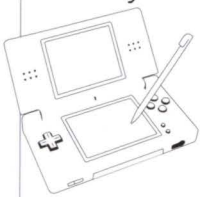
Pony Friends

Meet your new "neigh"-bour!



Having your own pony is great but they can be rather expensive! So if you've ever fancied a four-legged friend of your very own to take care of and play with, then *Pony Friends* might well be the game for you.

You can create your own ideal pony, choosing exactly how it's coloured from head to toe. You want a grey pony with dark hair? You've got it! After you've customised it, you can then name it and begin to take care of it.

As well as the sort of tasks you'd expect to have to perform in order to care for your pony – feeding it, grooming it, playing with it – you can also go off on a trek with your four-legged friend. There are 15 different trails in the game, from mountains and forests to towns and beaches, all of which can be walked through sitting on your pony's back.

> "You can customise your very own ideal pony"

Pony Friends is great fun for anyone who dreams of having their very own pony. Although it's only a virtual pony, looking after it every day is still a big responsibility, and if you take care of it properly and play with it regularly, it could end up winning first prize in the special Perfect Pony Competition! ✚

At the start of the game you can customise your pony so it looks exactly how you want it to.

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Eidos
- **Developer** Tantalus Interactive
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

You can use the DS's touch screen to brush your horse's tail.

You can even take your pony out for a walk through the countryside.

Win!

Ten Nintendo DS systems and copies of **My Horse & Me** up for grabs!

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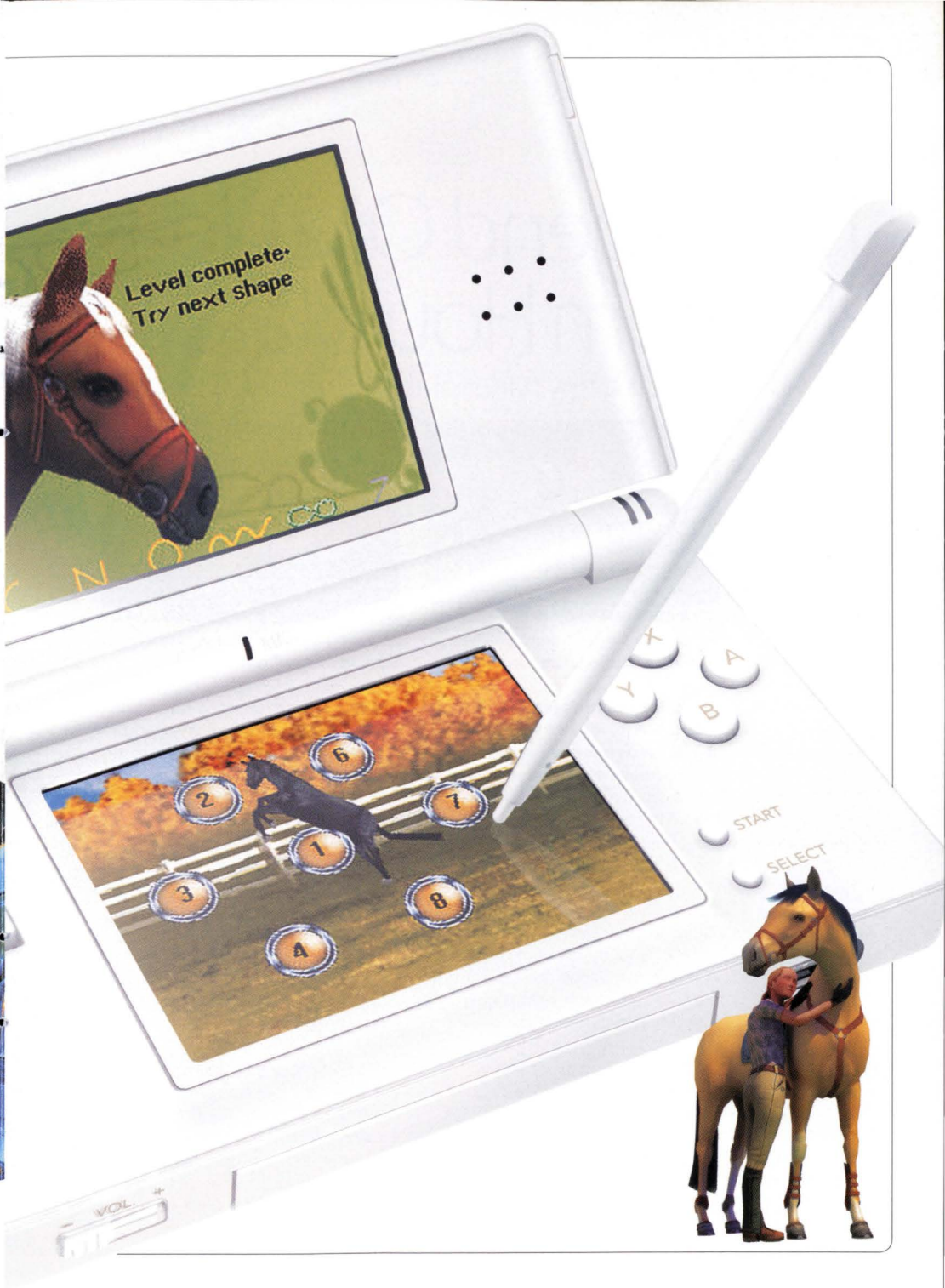
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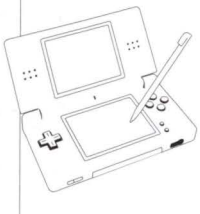
The Legend Of Zelda: Phantom Hourglass

A big adventure on a tiny handheld!



If you draw a circle around Link he'll perform a fancy spin attack.

Attacking the baddies is as easy as just tapping them with your stylus.

Nintendo isn't just famous for Mario, it's also well-known for its popular *Legend Of* Zelda games, where a young hero called Link has to save the day and rescue the beautiful Princess Zelda from her evil kidnapper. Now it's time for the latest game in the *Zelda* series, *Phantom Hourglass*, to arrive on the DS and we think it's one of the most fun games you'll ever play on it.

The special thing about *Phantom Hourglass* is that you don't use any of the DS's buttons when you're playing: everything in the game can be controlled using your stylus on the touch screen. You move Link by touching the screen in the direction you want him to go, and fight enemies with your sword by simply tapping on them (or drawing a circle if you want him to do a spin attack).

The touch screen is also used to solve some of the tricky puzzles that Link comes across on his journey. For example, one door in an early dungeon is locked, and you have to draw a symbol to open it again!

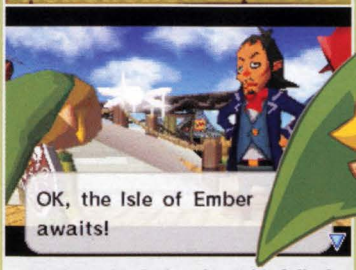
If you get stuck, all you need to do is call up your map, and then you can actually draw on the map itself to take notes. Been asked to shake a specific tree to earn some goodies? Draw a circle round the tree on the map then, so you don't forget which one it is.

Phantom Hourglass is great fun that will have you hooked from start to finish. It looks gorgeous (it's cel-shaded, which means it's coloured in so it looks like a cartoon), is great fun to play and is just the sort of thing you're looking for if you like your games a bit more complex! +

"It will have you hooked from start to finish"

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** Nintendo
- **Multiplayer** 1-2
- **Wi-Fi** Yes



The game looks lovely and is full of loads of colourful characters. But you can't trust all of them!

The crafty Linebeck needs Link's help.

You can sail your boat by drawing a path for it to follow on the map. When it sets sail you can then look around for incoming baddies.

Be careful when crossing this rope, you don't want to make Link fall into the bottomless pit below him!

OUT NOW

Nintendogs

Cuddly canines on your DS!

GAME INFO

- **Format** Wii
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** Nintendo
- **Multiplayer** 1-2
- **Wi-Fi** No

We love dogs but taking care of them can sometimes be a huge responsibility. You have to always feed them, you have to make sure they're healthy and clean and sometimes you have to take them out for a walk, even though it's pouring down with rain. Luckily, *Nintendogs* lets you take care of your own virtual puppy the easy way!

You can use the stylus to interact with your dog and use the DS's microphone to talk to it and teach it commands. You can then enter it in competitions or take it for a walk where it might uncover some hidden items or toys. You can also earn money to buy new items or costumes for your puppy, from pirate eye patches to funny hats!

There are a couple of different versions of *Nintendogs* but don't be confused; they're all the same game, just with different breeds of dog. +

Keep your puppy happy by making sure he is fed, walked and loved!

OUT NOW

Super Princess Peach

She's got real girl power!

GAME INFO

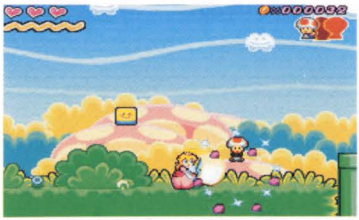
- **Format** Wii
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** Nintendo
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No

In case you didn't know, Princess Peach is Mario's friend and for the past 24 years she's been kidnapped loads of times, meaning Mario has had to save her. This time though Mario's been captured, meaning it's up to Peach to save the day!

Super Princess Peach is the first game to star Princess Peach and it's great fun. It's a platform game, which means you walk from left to right defeating enemies and jumping from platform to platform.

Peach has some special powers that she can trigger by using her emotions. For example, when she's happy she'll float upwards with joy, letting her reach higher areas.

It's great fun for dedicated girl gamers and shows that girls are just as good at saving the day as boys! +



Peach encounters all sorts of dangers during her attempt to rescue Mario.

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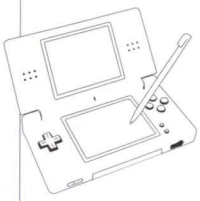


While there are a few games about horses available on the DS, they're mostly for people who just want to take care of a horse and maybe ride around on it too. *My Horse And Me*, on the other hand, lets you take things a bit further and actually take part in proper equestrian competitions!

As well as the competitive stuff, you can still do the sort of things you'd expect to find in other horse-based games, like taking care of your four-legged friend and customising how it looks. There are also sections where you're taught how to take care of a horse, like how to clean its teeth.

"You can enter your horse in all sorts of contests"

Once your horse is in peak condition though, it's time to enter it in some competitions. The game has a Championship mode where you can enter your horse in all sorts of indoor and outdoor contests, ranging from small rustic stables and riding schools to proper full-sized competitions.

My Horse And Me is not just available on the DS, you can also get it for the Wii and PC. This makes it the first FEI-licensed horse sim on the Wii. You can ride your horse either in third-person mode (which means the camera is behind you and your horse so you can see how well you're doing), or first-person mode (which means you're seeing the game through the rider's eyes).

If you want a bit more than just taking care of your horse and like the idea of taking part in proper equestrian contests, then *My Horse And Me* is the game for you!

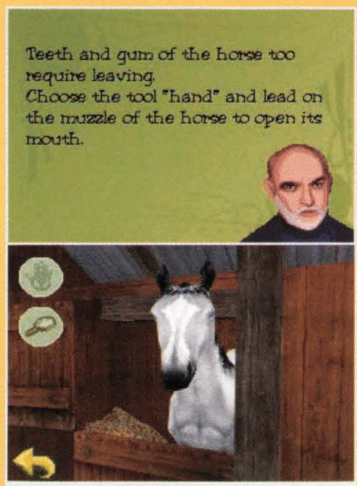
GAME INFO

- **Format** DS & Wii
- **Publisher** Atari
- **Developer** Mistic
- **Multiplayer** 1-4 (Wii only)
- **Wi-Fi** No

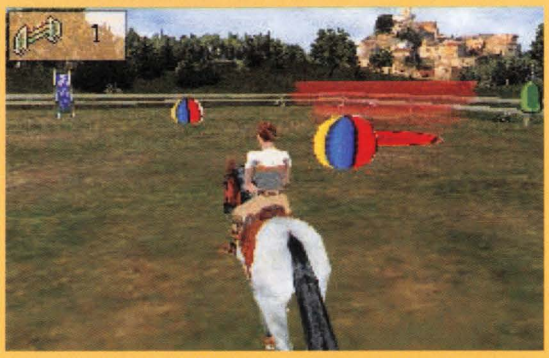
The Wii version of the game features some lovely, detailed paddocks.

This is the Wii version of the game. As you can see, the horses look really realistic in it!

Be sure to jump over all the fences to be in with the best chance of winning each competition.



You need to take proper care of your horse and that includes cleaning its teeth and gums.



There are all sorts of different training exercises you can take part in to help improve your horse's skills.

There are all sort of horse-related challenges to get stuck into.

Here you have to tap the circles in the right order to teach your horse how to perform certain tricks for the judges.

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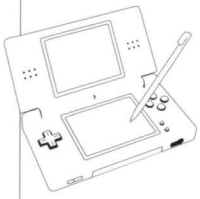
Animal Crossing: Wild World

The friendliest town ever!



Welcome to *Animal Crossing*, the town where everybody is your friend!

Animal Crossing is a game like no other: it's a virtual village where you can run around and do whatever you feel like. There are no proper rules, there's no "end", there's no "game over". You just live in your town and do what you feel like.

You may want to buy a net from Tom Nook, the local racoon shopkeeper, and run around catching butterflies to complete the museum's bug collection. Or you might want to draw your own fabric design instead and put it on a t-shirt or an umbrella.

> "We still check on our town every single day"

If fashion design is not your thing, then how about house design? You can collect furniture by either buying it from Tom Nook or performing tasks for your neighbours, then lay it out in your house. If your house seems a bit small, don't worry: once you pay off your mortgage at Tom Nook's you can have a bigger one!

One of our favourite things about *Animal Crossing* is the fact it can connect to a wireless internet connection. If you go online with your game and a friend who also has *Animal Crossing* goes online too, you can visit each other's towns. You can take the fruit from your friend's trees, give your pal various gifts or leave messages on their notice board.

Although it came out a year and a half ago, we still check on our town every day. We're still trying to catch those last couple of fish we need to finish our museum collection and have nearly saved up enough money to buy the special chair shaped like a snowman. If you have a DS and haven't entered the world of *Animal Crossing* yet, you're missing out! +

We just caught this rare scorpion and have donated it to the museum!

You can pick up shells on the beach then sell them at the local shop.

GAME INFO

Format
DS

Publisher
Nintendo

Developer
Nintendo

Multiplayer
No

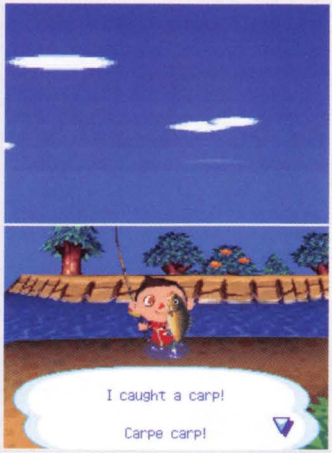
Wi-Fi
Yes

Blathers works at your town's museum. You can donate fish and bugs and he'll exhibit them in the museum.

There are loads of different costumes you can find and buy. For example, here we've got a pirate hat and a funny moustache. You can design your own stuff too!

THINGS TO DO!

The possibilities are endless!



Fishin' Impossible

When you fancy a break it's sometimes a good idea to just head for the river and do a spot of fishing.

Willing And Abel

You can also go to the Abel Sisters' shop, where you can draw your own design on the touch screen!

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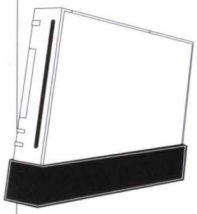
The Golden Compass

Read the book, watch the film, play the game!



You may not have read it, but *The Golden Compass* is one of the best books we've read in a long time. And what's more, there's even a film coming out that's based on it! So it makes sense that something so popular would be made into a videogame.

The Golden Compass game puts you in the shoes of Lyra Belacqua as she sets out on a quest to rescue her imprisoned uncle and kidnapped best friend. Joining Lyra are Pan (her spirit daemon) and Iorek, a powerful bear. Of course, there's the Golden Compass too: a mysterious truth-telling device that will help you out on your quest.

As you progress through the game you can make Pan transform into one of four different creatures in order to help Lyra progress. And not only does *The Golden Compass* game let you play through some of the best scenes in the movie and book but it also features some brand new locations exclusive to the game that didn't feature in the film.

If you're a fan of *The Golden Compass* book or plan on going to see the film when it's released, then the game will be a fantastic chance for you to actually take part in some of the story's key moments!

> "Take part in some of the story's key moments"

GAME INFO

- **Format** Wii
- **Publisher** Sega
- **Developer** Shiny Entertainment
- **Controler** Wii Remote
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No

Iorek's strength will be very helpful for moving big objects out of the way.

Relive many of the film's most memorable scenes in the game.

There are all sorts of dangerous creatures out to stop you in this game.

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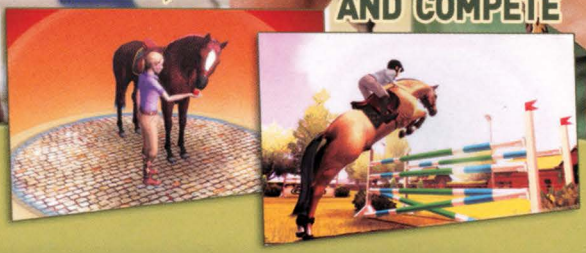

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Welcome to *Girl Gamer*

Hello, and welcome to issue two. This time we've gathered together all the great new games for 2008, and there's something here that you're bound to love, whatever type of games you like.

If you're an animal lover and you're looking for something new, don't miss *My Riding Stables* where you can indulge your love of horses on the DS, and *The Dog Island* for the Wii. When you want to cook up a storm in the kitchen, check out *Cooking Mama 2*, and we're also introducing *Wii Fit*, which comes with a special balance board. Read on to find out how you'll have to stretch, lean and balance to play loads of fun new games.

Some of your favourite characters are back too. There's Mario and his friends Luigi and Princess Peach in *Mario Party* and *Mario Galaxy*, and those lovable Pokémon in *Pokémon Diamond* and *Pokémon Pearl*. Finally, don't miss our amazing competition, where you can win a DS just by answering our simple question – turn to page 16 to find out more. Good luck, and enjoy the issue!

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Lite Up Your Life!

Your guide to the Nintendo DS Lite

For the true girl gamer who likes to take fun with them anywhere they go, the DS Lite is amazing! It's a small handheld machine that plays hundreds of games, from *Pokémon* to *New Super Mario Bros*.

There are a number of things about it that make it work so well. Firstly, it has two screens. While most other machines only have one screen, the DS Lite's second one can be used for loads of different things. It could be used to show you a map in an adventure game for example, or as a way of showing your pet's hunger or tiredness in a virtual pet game.

Even cooler is the fact that the bottom screen is a touchscreen, which means you don't have to play the game using buttons. You can just tap the actual screen with your stylus and interact with whatever's there. So if you're playing *Nintendogs* and want to cheer your dog up you can actually stroke it by rubbing the touch screen. Or, if you're playing something like *Animal Crossing* and you want to design your own clothing, all you do is draw onto the screen.

The DS Lite isn't just for playing on your own, though. Some games let you connect to other DSes using its built-in wireless connection and play against each other. This means you can battle friends in *Pokémon* or have up to eight people racing in *Mario Kart*!

The DS Lite is the best handheld games system around. With loads of great games, unique features and the ability to play against your pals, it's the best way to have fun playing games anywhere you want. +

DS LITE

Want to personalise your DS? No problem. You could start with a new stylus or skin in a funky new pattern, or pick up one of many colourful cases to keep your DS tucked away. Most cases also have special slots for you to store your spare games and stylus in as well. If you want your games a little louder you can buy a set of speakers, or, on the other hand, if you need to keep your gaming quiet, you can get special DS headphones, or even a headset with a built-in microphone too. You can even transform your DS into an MP3 player by storing your favourite tunes on an SD memory card and plugging it into a USB adapter.

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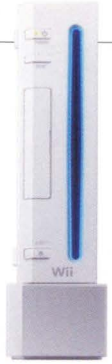


The Wonder Of The Wii

All about Nintendo's great games console

If you've still not managed to play a Wii yet, you're missing out! It's the most fun and imaginative way to play videogames yet, and it's so easy to get used to that anyone can play: mums, grans, anyone!

The thing that makes the Wii so easy to use is the unique controller it has. It's called the Wii Remote, and it's called this because it looks like the sort of remote control you'd use for a TV. What's so special about that? Well, it's different from a normal telly remote because it's got special motion-sensitive controls built into it.

This means the Wii can pick up the movements you make with the Remote and use those in the game. So if you're playing a tennis game, all you need to do is swing the Wii Remote like it was a tennis racquet and your player on the screen does the same thing!

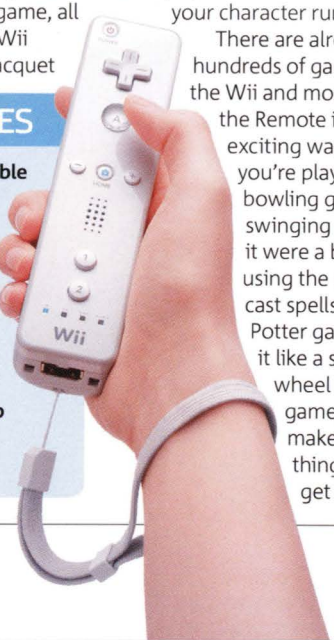
As well as motion-sensing, the Wii Remote also has a sensor at the end that can be used to point at the screen. So if you're playing a target shooting game all you have to do is point at the screen and then press a button to shoot.

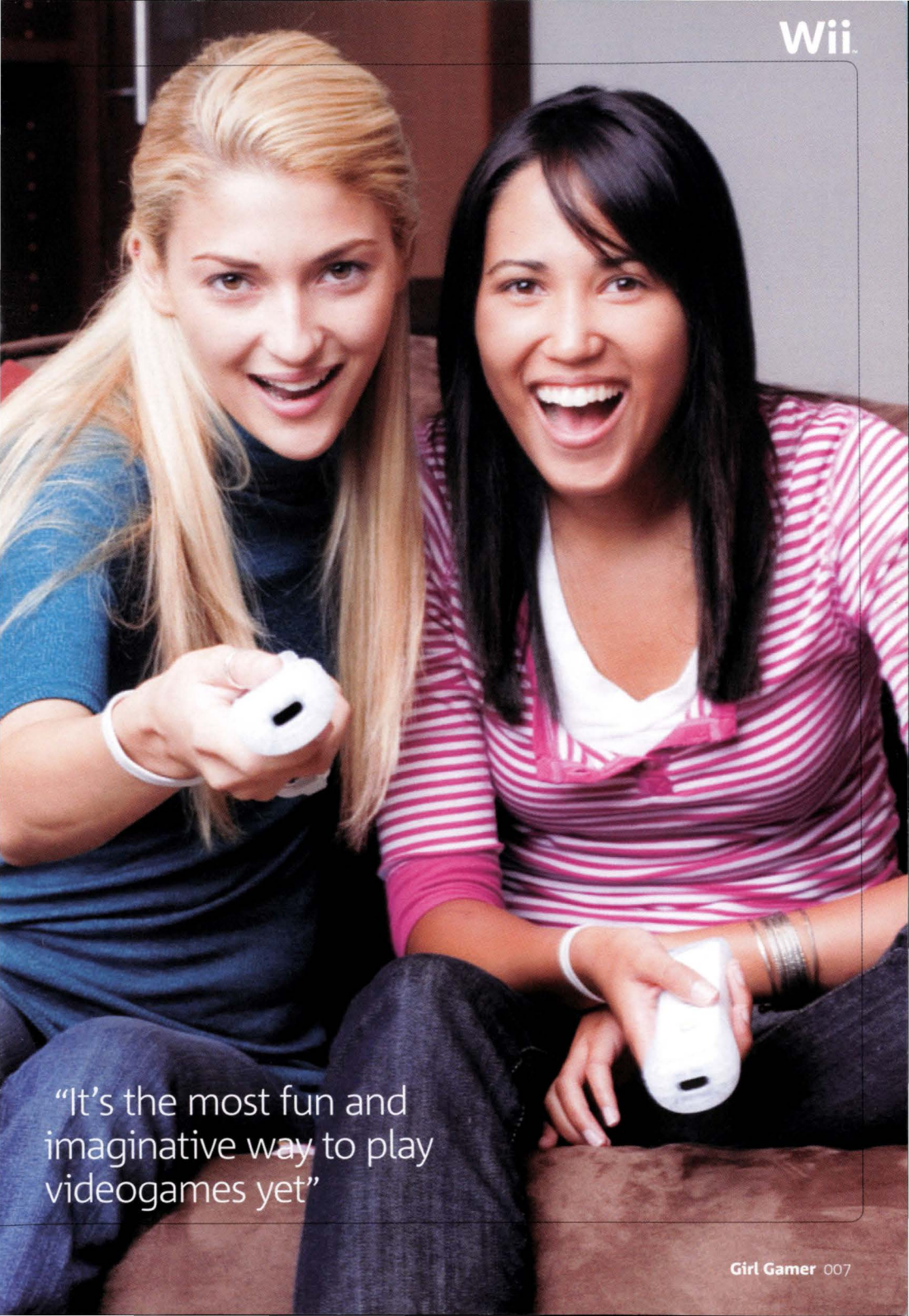
The Wii also comes with a Nunchuk attachment that you can plug into the bottom of the Remote. You hold the Nunchuk in your other hand and can use that for more advanced controls. It can also read movements, so if you were playing an athletics game you could, for example, shake both of them to make your character run faster.

There are already hundreds of games out for the Wii and most of them use the Remote in fun and exciting ways. Whether you're playing a bowling game by swinging your arm as if it were a bowling ball, using the pointer to cast spells in a Harry Potter game or turning it like a steering wheel for racing games, the Wii makes sure that things never get boring! +

WII ACCESSORIES

Special controllers are available for different games, such as a steering wheel for racing games or a zapper that fits onto your Wii Remote and Nunchuk for shooting games. You can also get tennis racket and baseball bat adapters and a mic for singing games. Skins are also available in lots of different designs and colours.

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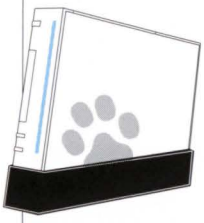


The Dog Island is full of beautiful countryside for you to explore.

Ah, now will you look at these little guys? Cutest. Thing. Ever.

THE DOG Artist Collection ISLAND

Have you ever seen those pictures of the dogs who have their noses pointed right up to the camera so they look like they have big heads? You know the photos we mean: you see them on calendars, birthday cards, posters and the like. Well, they're from a series of photos simply called The Dog, and now there's a game based on them!

This isn't a dog simulation game like *Nintendogs* where you have to take care of a puppy. This is a proper adventure game set on an island inhabited by cute and cuddly canines! So instead of taking care of the dog, you actually control it in the game.

You play as a dog whose brother has fallen ill. It's up to you to travel to The Dog Island in search of a legendary flower that will cure your brother. Will you be able to find the flower and help the poorly puppy?

Your dog is controlled entirely using the Wii Remote, and as you explore the island you'll come across all sorts of different dogs who live there. In total, you'll meet nearly 50 different breeds of dog, and talking to them all will help you solve puzzles, complete tasks and find the flower you're looking for.

Throughout the game your dog can sniff out treasure that will help it progress in its quest. You can also customise the way your pup looks by picking various items of clothing for it to wear. The further you progress in the game, the more clothing and accessories you will collect.

GAME INFO

- **Format** Wii
- **Publisher** Ubisoft
- **Developer** Yuke's
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No

"You'll meet nearly 50 different breeds of dog"

You control your cute little dog by pointing with the Wii Remote.

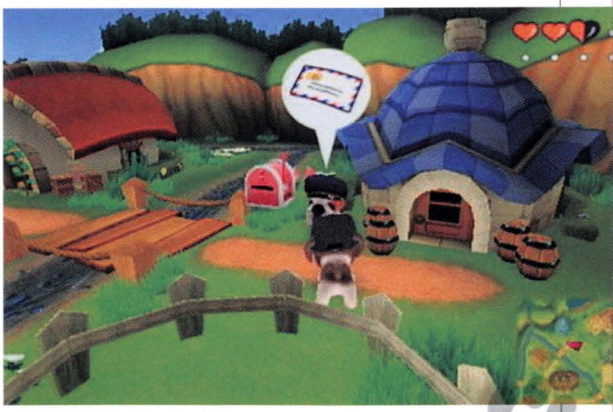
There are more than 50 different types of dog for you to meet in the game. Here's just a few of them!

You'll meet loads of new friends who'll help you with your quest.

You can dress up your pup in all manner of crazy outfits!

Of course, the fact that it's based on The Dog means that all the dogs in the game look like the ones in the photos. So, although they're not looking right into a camera anymore, they still have big heads and long noses as if they were! This makes them look even cuter than normal dogs (if that were possible).

The Dog Island is a lovely game that sees you going on a fantastic adventure. With a massive island to explore, a selection of great mini-games (like fishing, football and races) and of course those cute and cuddly dogs, there's loads here to keep you smiling for ages! ✚



You've got mail! It's safe to say life on The Dog Island is anything but normal!

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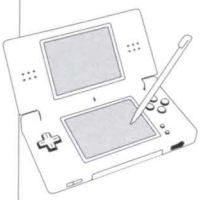
Cooking Mama 2

It's cooking made fun on the DS!



There are already a few cooking games available on the DS but *Cooking Mama 2* is without doubt the queen of the kitchen!

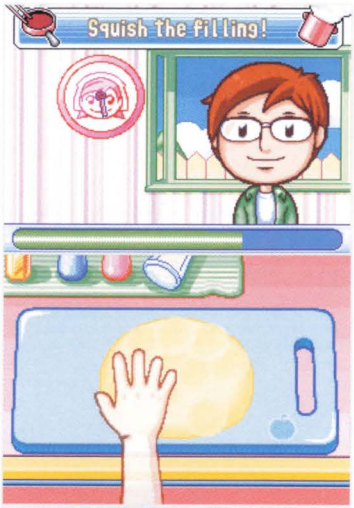
The aim of the game is to successfully cook various different dishes by following the on-screen instructions that Mama gives you. You do this by using the stylus in a number of different ways on the DS's touch screen. This means that you'll be chopping up vegetables by making slicing motions across the screen, stirring a cooking pot by rubbing in circles and even arranging the look of some of the dishes (like pizza for instance) by placing the ingredients where you want.

"There are over 80 delicious recipes for you to prepare"

There are over 80 delicious recipes for you to prepare, ranging from hamburgers, pasta and curries to soup and yummy desserts. For each one, Mama takes you through the instructions step by step and you're judged on how well you do. Burn the potatoes and Mama isn't going to be happy at all!

As you progress and make more meals successfully, you'll earn loads of different outfits and kitchen decorations for Mama, meaning you can customise the room to your particular tastes. You don't like the wallpaper? Well, change it to something different then!

Cooking Mama 2 is great fun: the only problem is that the food looks so good you might start to feel hungry while you're playing it! ✚



Follow the instructions given on the top screen and you should make a flawless dish.

Among the many tasks you'll have to perform is slicing up pasta.

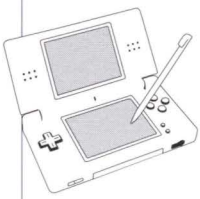
GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** 505 Games
- **Developer** Cooking Mama Ltd
- **Multiplayer** 1-4
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

OUT NOW

Kira Kira Pop Princess

Step aside Rihanna: there's a new girl in town!



Have you ever wondered what it must be like to be a professional dancer for pop stars? All that glitz and glamour? Well now you can see what it's like in *Kira Kira Pop Princess*.

The game puts you in the role of Gaby, a girl who lives in the huge Rainbow City. Gaby dreams that one day she'll be a fantastic dancer like Anna, the Rainbow City 'Dance Queen'. It's up to you to help Gaby learn the moods, styles and rhythms of Rainbow City in order to become the new Dance Queen!

Rainbow City is split into different districts, and each district has its own style of music and fashion. One area will love hip-hop, another will be into rock, and so on. In each district Gaby meets a local girl who has the same passion for dance as she does. As you challenge and beat these girls in dance competitions, you earn their fashion styles for Gaby's wardrobe, meaning you can dress her in all sorts of different outfits and styles.

The dancing itself is easy to control. You have to turn your DS on its side then simply touch the coloured buttons that appear on the screen with your stylus. You have to touch the buttons at just the right time so that Gaby keeps her dancing in time with the music. Keep it up and Gaby will beat her opponent!

Kira Kira Pop Princess mixes funkiness with fashion, and throws in a big dollop of fun too. It's great for any budding dancer! ✚

You can alter your dancer's haircut and wardrobe to give her the perfect look.

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** 505 Games
- **Developer** Dimple
- **Multiplayer** 1-2
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

"It's up to you to learn the moods, styles and rhythms"

Tap the buttons at just the right time to keep Gaby in time with the music.

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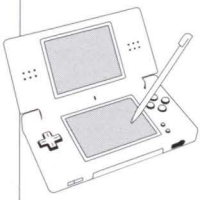
Princess On Ice

Be the best skater in the world!



If you've ever dreamed of being a champion ice skater, then *Princess On Ice* is the game for you! In it, you take control of four young ice dancers called Kelly, Gabrielle, Alyssa and Madison, who are chosen to audition for the Princess On Ice Tournament, the most famous ice event of the year.

You have to help them become the best ice dancers in the world by travelling to various stadiums around the world and showing your stuff. You make your girl dance by keeping to a good rhythm: as shapes appear on the touchscreen you press them at just the right time to spin, jump and dance. The better you time it, the better your dancer performs. Mess up though and she'll stumble, causing her score to go down.

The aim, of course, is to impress the various judges who will be watching. You have a 'Heat' meter which gets higher as you perform more complicated moves. If your skater falls though, she'll lose heat.

You can also customise your skater with fashionable clothing, headwear and accessories, and as you progress throughout the game you'll earn even more. You can also unlock new storylines and challenges.

Princess On Ice is a great game for budding ice dancers – it's the closest you can get to actually taking to the ice yourself! ✚

It's like you're in *Dancing on Ice* – or maybe the Olympics. Plus you get to wear glittery dresses.

Princess on ice

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** 505 Games
- **Developer** Arc Systems
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

"The aim is to impress the judges, who are watching"

It was worth learning all those difficult moves – now you're the winner!

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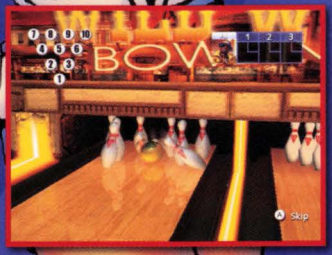

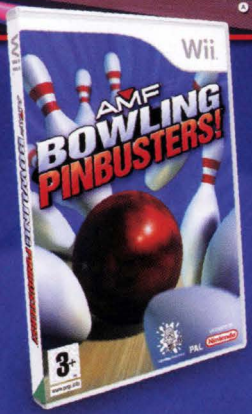

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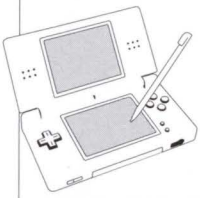
My Riding Stables

Become an owner of a horse estate!



There are loads of games about horses already available on the DS but most of them are only really about taking care of one horse and riding it around. In *My Riding Stables*, you get to do so much more than that!

As a riding teacher you can take your students on treks through beautiful countryside and parkland.

A stable owner's work is never done! Remember to keep the stable clean!

In the game you play as the owner of an estate and it's up to you to make sure everything's running smoothly. You do this by taking on three different roles: stable hand, riding teacher and riding star.

As the stable hand, you're in charge of taking care of all the horses that your guests bring to the estate, as well as breeding new foals and raising them until they grow up to be strong horses.

As a riding teacher, you have to give various students riding lessons and make sure that you prepare your horses and students perfectly so that they can become the riding stars of the future.

Finally, if you'd rather be a riding star yourself, you can do that too. You can take part in a wide variety of tournaments and events and compete to become a world famous horse rider.

It's great fun taking part in all three gameplay modes, but don't forget that as the owner of the estate you also have to take care of various other duties too. You have to make sure that the stables are in good condition by cleaning them out on a regular basis and ensure that your horses are healthy and clean by brushing them and cleaning their feet. You do this by using the stylus on the touchscreen.

"You can compete to become a world famous horse rider"

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS/PC
- **Publisher** DTP
- **Developer** DTP
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No

You'll need to take great care of your horses as well as all their kit.

"Whether you want to be a stable hand, riding teacher or an equestrian star, this is the videogame for you"

If you just want to have a bit of fun, you can also ride your horse around a variety of different outdoor environments. You can take it to the beach and ride around there, or go for a trot through the forest, meadows or fields. You can even use your horse to help you run errands in the nearby city!

My Riding Stables is the most complete and comprehensive horse-owning game around. Whether you want to be a stable hand, riding teacher, equestrian star or just want to have loads of fun with horses, this is the videogame for you. ✚

There'll be plenty of visitors to your estate to meet all your horses.

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Five Nintendo DS systems and copies of **Nintendogs** up for grabs!

The Nintendo DS is one of the greatest gaming systems ever. It's got two screens for double the action and has loads of fun games available for it. So to celebrate how awesome we think it is we're giving away five Nintendo DS systems. Not only that, we'll also include a copy of *Nintendogs*, a great dog-grooming game where you take care of your very own pup, training him up to be your best friend in the world.

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B) Crufts
C) Lassie

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"Take care of your very own pup, training him up to be your best friend"

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Wii Fit

Who says games are bad for you?

As you grow and your body develops, it's important to do exercise on a regular basis. Whether it's doing PE at school, going for a walk or just doing exercises in your free time, keeping fit is a good way to stay healthy. Of course (and don't say we told you this), everyone secretly knows that the problem with exercise is it's a bit boring. Doing sit-ups in your room can be rubbish, and some people don't like walking because they'd rather be at home watching the telly or playing games. That's where *Wii Fit* comes in.

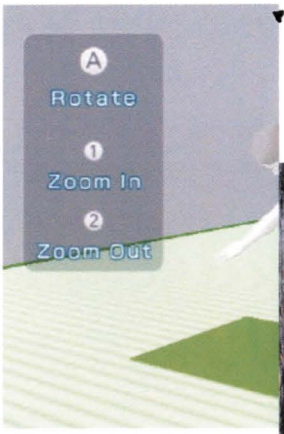
Wii Fit is a brand new game from Nintendo that's designed to help you and your family stay healthy. Most importantly though, it does it in a way that's actually fun and doesn't feel like a chore.

How does it work? Well, *Wii Fit* comes in a big box, containing the game and a new controller called the Wii Balance Board. It's a big white plastic slab that looks a bit like one of those things people do step aerobics on. The difference is, the Balance Board has loads of hi-tech sensors inside it that can measure the exact amount of pressure you put on it and whereabouts the pressure is.

This means when you stand on the board it can instantly tell you loads of things about you. It can tell you what your weight is, but unlike normal scales it can also tell you if you're standing properly or slouched forward, and which foot you lean on more when you stand.

That's not the important thing, though. The important thing is the more than 40 different mini-games and exercises in the game that make use of the Balance Board. These →

The Wii Balance Board – it's way better than PE.



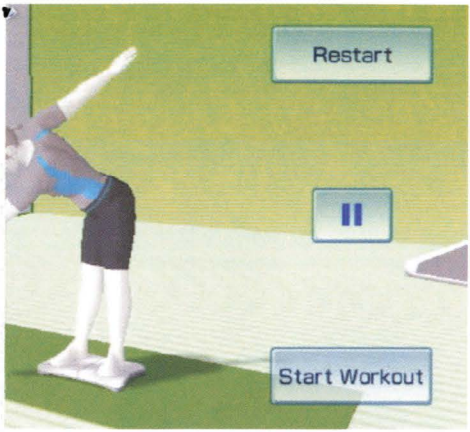
> "Doing sit-ups in your room can be rubbish. That's where Wii Fit comes in"

The Balance Board works out how fit you are for your age – and tells you!

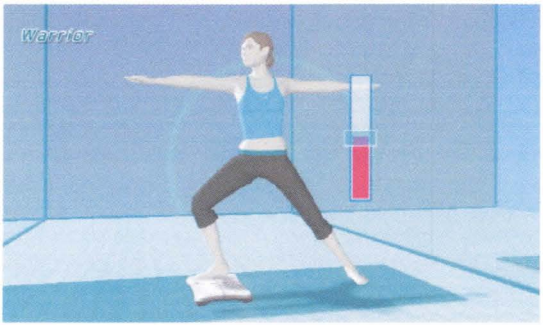
We think this is so pretty – we're not sure what the exercise for this game is yet, but we can't wait to find out.

Red circles show which muscles you're stretching for a full workout.

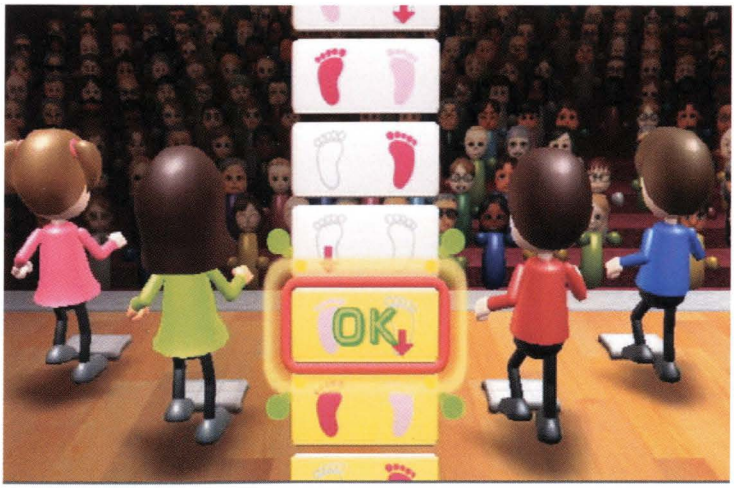
Exercise is boring which is why you might avoid it sometimes – luckily cute penguins are on hand to cheer you on.



You can pause the workout whenever you like – and pick it up again later.



The board is so sensitive it can even tell if you're doing yoga positions right. That red bar tells you if you are in balance.



Step on and off the board in time to the music – it's more like dancing than exercise.

Fly down the mountain swerving around the flags – crouch to go faster!

are split into four different categories: yoga exercises, muscle-building exercises, aerobics games and balance games.

The yoga exercises are much more fun than going to a yoga class or using a dodgy yoga fitness DVD. You pick your trainer (a male or a female), stand on the board and copy the moves they do. Since the board is very sensitive and can pick up the slightest movement you make, your trainer will talk to you as you do the yoga exercise and tell you how you're doing. They'll tell you to straighten up a bit more, lean more to the side, when's the best time to breathe in and out, and stuff like that.

"The yoga exercises are more fun than using a dodgy yoga fitness DVD"

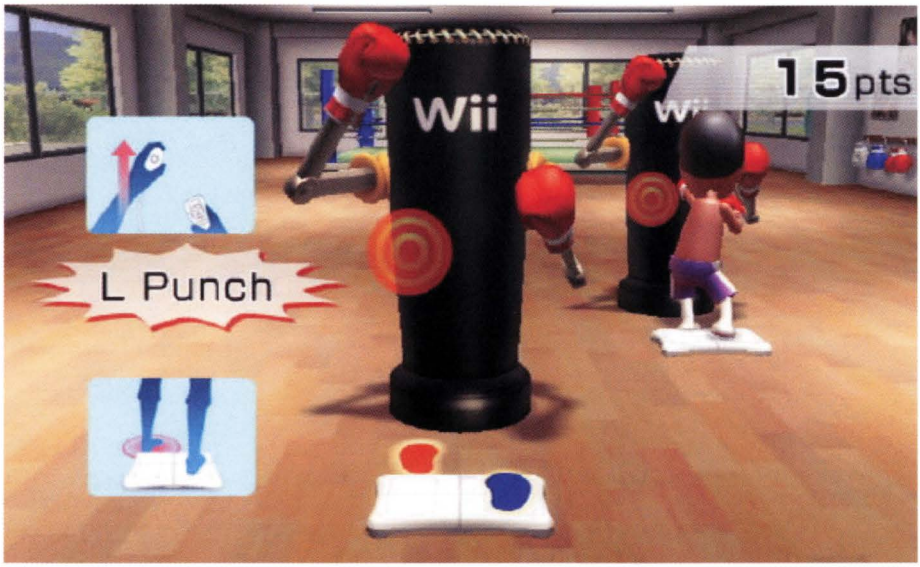
The muscle-building exercises are the same sort of thing, only this time you're doing exercises that tone your body. One of them even makes you do push-ups by putting your hands on the board instead of your feet! Again, the trainer tells you how you're doing and a little mark on the screen tells you how well balanced you are.

Our favourite bits are the balance games and the aerobics games though, because they take you out of the gym and into more fun places! One of them has you standing on the board and leaning left and right to head footballs that are being kicked at you (while dodging any football boots kicked at you by accident), while another one lets you ski down a mountain, zipping in between flags by leaning left and right and going faster by crouching down.

There are loads of these games, and as you get better at each one you can unlock harder difficulty modes to really work up a sweat! How about a hula hoop game where you stand on

Hip-twirling fun: how many rounds with a hula hoop can you pull off?

Head back the footballs kicked your way... and watch out for flying boots!



Hit the punchbag hard as you like – you won't chip your nail varnish.

the board and swivel your hips to keep as many hoops going as you can? Or a dance game where you step on and off the board in time to the music?

One of our favourite mini-games doesn't even use the Balance Board. It's a jogging game where you take the Wii Remote and place it in your back pocket. Your little personal trainer guy runs in front of you, and you have to keep up with him by jogging on the spot. As you jog, the Remote in your back pocket picks up the movement of your legs and works out how fast you're jogging. It's a really clever idea and it's great fun jogging through a virtual park and watching people walking their dogs and tripping over!

Wii Fit is going to be huge when it comes out – it's out very soon, so you won't have to wait long. And remember: we told you first! ✚

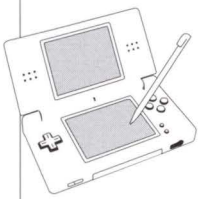
Walking the tightrope takes concentration and uses all your balancing skills. Don't get distracted by the flying birds.

Everything you need to keep fit in one shiny box.

OUT NOW

Mario Party DS

Step aside, board games!



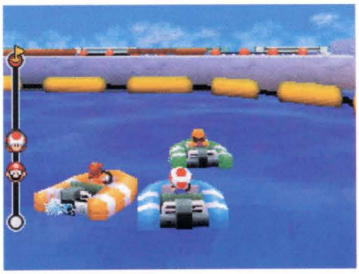
Although it's great fun playing the DS on your own, some games are just so much better when they're played with other people. *Mario Party DS* was designed just for this reason, and it's one of the most enjoyable multiplayer games you can get for your DS!

It's basically a fancy board game. You take turns rolling dice and moving your character that number of spaces across the board. The aim of the game is to collect coins. You do this by landing on blue spaces, stealing them off other players or winning them in mini-games. You can then spend your coins on power-ups to help you proceed, or spend them on a Star whenever you land on a space containing one. Stars are the most important items in the game, because whoever has the most Stars after a certain number of turns wins.

There's one thing that makes *Mario Party DS* much better than normal board games though, and that's the loads of different mini-games you can take part in. After everyone has their turn, all four players take part in a battle game to try and win more coins. There are 74

"Four of you can take part with only one cartridge"

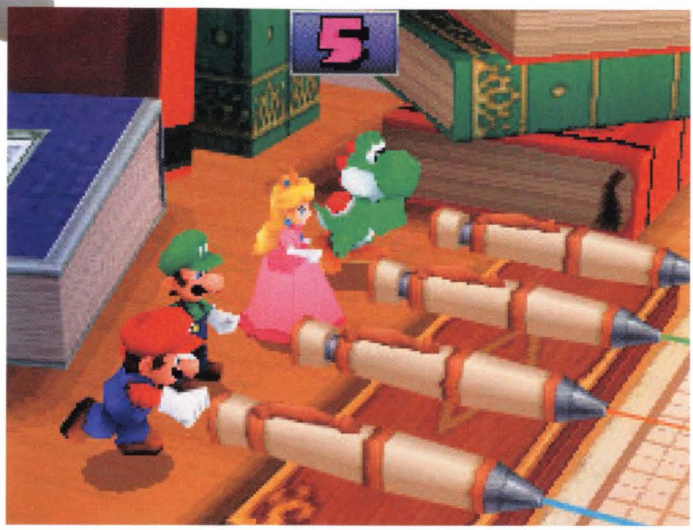
There are over 70 different mini-games to enjoy including battles against giant scary koopas!



One of the games sees you racing around a track in a rubber dinghy.

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** Hudson Soft
- **Multiplayer** 1-4
- **Wi-Fi** No



wacky mini-games in total and they range from using the DS's mic to try to blow out candles, to sliding down a washing line on a big coat hanger.

Best of all, four of you can take part with only one cartridge. This means you don't need to get all your friends to buy it too: as long as you all have your own DS, only one of you needs to own the game! ✚

"There are 74 wacky mini-games in total"

Mario Party DS **is bonkers! Here you guide Mario down a washing line!**

You and three of your friends can all take part at the same time.

This one sees you using the touchscreen to throw giant cherries as far as possible!

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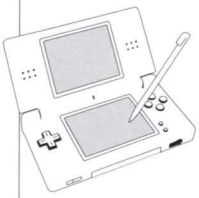
Pokémon Diamond/ Pearl

Can you catch them all?



In case you've never heard of it before (where have you been?!) *Pokémon* has been around for over 10 years. It was first released on the old black and white Game Boy in 1995 and since then millions of kids all over the world have become huge *Pokémon* fans, either by playing the games, watching the cartoon shows, buying the toys or playing the popular trading card game.

Pokémon Diamond and *Pearl* are the latest games in the series, and the first proper *Pokémon* adventure for the DS.

You play as a young kid (you can choose whether to be a boy or a girl at the start of the game, and give them a name) who wants to grow up and become a Pokémon trainer.

Buizel gets ready to take on Lucario... Better check your stats first.

Lucario will FIGHT. As his trainer, you've raised him and prepared him for battle, so let's hope he wins!

GAME INFO

- **Format** Wii
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** Game Freak
- **Multiplayer** 1-2
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

"Your aim is to become a great Pokémon trainer"

Pokémon are creatures that live in the game's world, and they're often caught by trainers who raise them, make them stronger and get them to take part in Pokémon battles.

Not long into the game you get to choose a Pokémon of your own: a Turtwig (a little turtle with a seed on its back which grows as it gets stronger), a Chimchar (a monkey with fire powers) or a Piplup (a cute penguin who can fire water at bad guys). You can then use this Pokémon to help you battle any wild Pokémon you encounter. If you make a wild Pokémon weak you can then catch it in a Pokéball and use it to fight for you too. The aim of the game is to

The Pokétch is an in-game device with tons of applications. Use the calculator for maths homework.

The Pokétch also has a digital clock as well as a mini-map, a step counter – and even a coin flipper.

The new Pokémon region in the games is called Sinnoh. Sometimes it rains!

Buizel again... Why not swap him for another Pokémon off a friend?

become a great Pokémon trainer by catching as many Pokémon as you can, building them up and making a strong Pokémon team!

The main catchphrase for Pokémon is 'gotta catch 'em all', but seeing as there are 493 different species in total that's not going to be easy! Luckily, if you have a friend who also has *Pokémon Diamond* or *Pearl*, you can use the DS's wireless feature to swap Pokémon you don't want. You can even use the DS to connect wirelessly to the Internet and trade Pokémon with people all over the world!

Pokémon Diamond and *Pearl* are among the best games you could get for the DS. It's great fun trying to catch as many Pokémon as you can, and it helps that they're all really cute too! How many can you catch? ✚

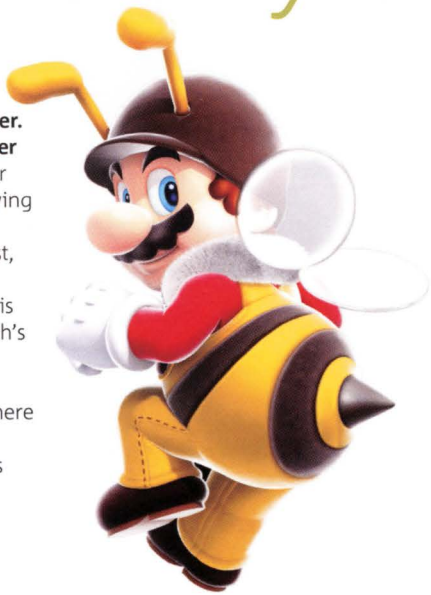
OUT NOW

Super Mario Galaxy

One giant leap for game-kind

Mario is the most famous videogame character ever. He's been around for over 25 years and has been in well over 300 different games! We're not lying when we say this though: *Super Mario Galaxy* on the Wii is his best, most amazing adventure yet!

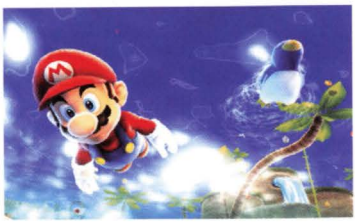
At the start of the game Mario is invited to his friend Princess Peach's castle. It's the night of the Star Festival, a special night that only happens once every 100 years where small pieces of star rain onto the land. When Mario gets to Peach's castle though, the evil Bowser appears with a huge spaceship and lifts the whole castle into outer space. Mario manages to hold on but a bad guy blasts him off the edge of the castle, sending him hurtling through outer space.



"It's Mario's best, most amazing adventure yet!"

Mario lands on a nearby planet and meets Rosalina, a mysterious and beautiful woman who tells Mario that if he can find the Power Stars she needs to power her floating observatory, she can fly Mario to the centre of the universe where he can defeat Bowser and save Princess Peach. That's where you come in!

Super Mario Galaxy is a platform game, which means most of it is spent making Mario run around and jump from platform to platform while collecting items and defeating bad guys (usually by jumping on their heads, strangely enough). There are loads of different worlds to explore, like the Honeyhive Galaxy (where Mario can grab a bee suit and fly around like a honeybee) or the Loop De Loop Galaxy, where you



Mario will have to take to the seas if he is to collect all the power stars.

GAME INFO

- **Format** Wii
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** Nintendo
- **Multiplayer** 1-2
- **Wi-Fi** No

Waggle the Remote near a launch star and Mario will fly into space!

Hit the question blocks and special star bits will fly out for you to collect.

Pick up a special mushroom and you'll turn into a bee!

can jetski on the back of an enormous fish.

What makes Mario games so special is the fact that they're filled to the brim with funny and cute characters, and *Super Mario Galaxy* is no different. From the Toad brigade – little guys with mushrooms on their heads who find stars for you – to Mario's brother Luigi (who keeps getting lost), everyone you meet in the game is full of life and will make you smile from ear to ear.

Super Mario Galaxy is an enchanting adventure that will have you playing with your mouth wide open from beginning to end. It's one of the best games ever created and once you play it, you'll never ever forget it. ✚

Mario will have to take on lots of scary enemies during his adventure.

Who's The Cutest

In the world of gaming, there are certain characters that just make us go "awww". Here are our 10 cutest of all time

Pikachu

Pikachu is the mascot for the Pokémon series. The only thing he can say is "Pika". If you tried to hug him, you'd get an electric shock!

Looks ★★★★★
Huggability ★
Furriness ★★★

Nintendog

There are loads of different breeds of Nintendog, but every one of them is cute in their own loveable way.

Looks ★★★
Huggability ★★
Furriness ★★★★★

Toad

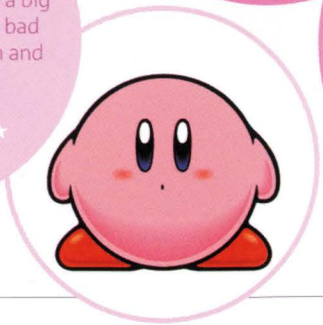
The servant of the Mushroom Kingdom, Toad has been a loyal friend to Mario and Princess Peach for over 20 years now.

Looks ★★★
Huggability ★★★
Furriness ★★

Kirby

Kirby's one of Nintendo's lesser-known stars. He's a big pink ball who can suck bad guys into his big mouth and steal their powers.

Looks ★★★★
Huggability ★★★★
Furriness ★



Pikmin

The Pikmin are a tiny creatures that inhabit the world of the *Pikmin* games. Different-coloured Pikmin have different abilities.

Looks ★★★
Huggability ★★
Furriness ★★

KK Slider

If you're ever in Animal Crossing, you might want to check out the coffee house to see if KK Slider, the town's musician, is there.

Looks ★★
Huggability ★★★
Furriness ★★★★

Yoshi

Ever since Mario rescued him over 15 years ago, Yoshi the dinosaur has been willing to help out any way he can.

Looks ★★★★★
Huggability ★★★
Furriness ★★

Moogle

The *Final Fantasy* games are serious adventure games made in Japan. Many of them feature these cute little creatures.

Looks ★★
Huggability ★★
Furriness ★★★★★

Midna

Midna appears in *The Legend Of Zelda: Twilight Princess*, and accompanies Link on his quest. But who is she really?

Looks ★★★
Huggability ★★
Furriness ★★★

Tails

Sonic the Hedgehog's best mate, Tails got that nickname because he has two tails which he can use to fly around.

Looks ★★★
Huggability ★★★
Furriness ★★★★

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Five top ways to glam-up your Nintendo DS!

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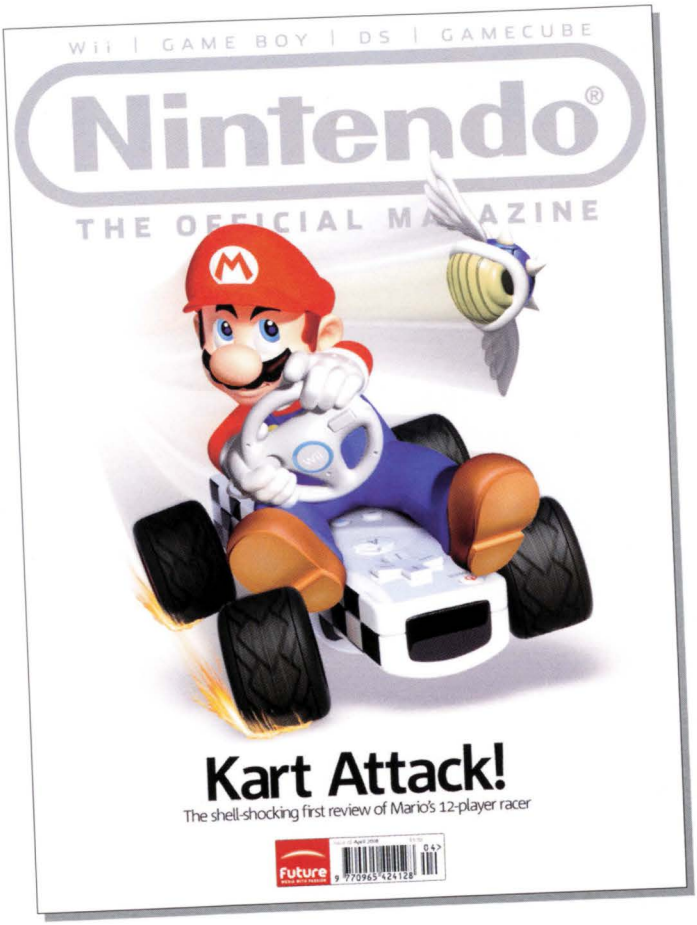

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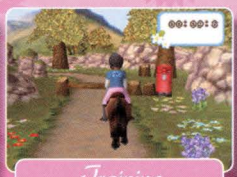

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Welcome to the third issue of *Girl Gamer*, the only gaming magazine where no boys are allowed! Inside this issue we'll tell you all about the latest Nintendo DS and Nintendo Wii games that are coming out soon, like the rocktastic *Guitar Hero On Tour* for the DS, or the hilarious *Kung Fu Panda*. We'll also tell you the ten best games to be playing over the summer while you're enjoying your break from school.

If you're new to the world of gaming, don't worry; we've also got guides explaining exactly what the DS Lite and the Wii do, and what makes them so special. Soon you'll know as much as I do!

Finally, there's an exclusive competition where you can win a DS Lite and a game and, what's more, one lucky reader will also win the chance to adopt their very own chimp from Whipsnade Zoo! So sit back, put your feet up, relax (hey, it's summer after all!) and enjoy *Girl Gamer*!

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Lite Up Your Life!

Find out more about Nintendo's ace DS Lite

The DS Lite is the most popular handheld games system in the world just now: over 50 million people have one! There's a huge range of games available – you're sure to find something you really love. If you're not a DS Lite owner and you're not exactly sure what's so special about it, here's our guide to what it does and why it's so cool. +

The Microphone

Tucked away in the middle of the DS Lite is a microphone which picks up on your voice in certain games. You can use it to give your dog commands in *Nintendogs*, shout out answers in *Brain Training* or chat to your friends while playing them online in games like *Pokémon Diamond/Pearl*.

The Games

There are hundreds of DS Lite games available for every type of gamer. Whether you like puzzle games like *Tetris DS*, cute games like *Animal Crossing* or action games like *Tomb Raider*, there's something on the DS for everyone.

The Touch-Screen

The DS Lite is different from other systems because it has a special touch screen that responds to contact. This lets you interact with games in unique ways by touching different parts of the screen. When you're playing *Nintendogs*, you can stroke your dog or brush its coat by rubbing it on the screen.

The Wi-Fi Connection

The DS Lite has Wi-Fi capabilities. What does this mean? Some titles let you beam a copy of your game to their DS Lite so you can play against each other using only one game cartridge! You can even use it to connect online and play against your friends from all over the world.

nintendo Wi-Fi connection

"The DS Lite is the only console with two screens"

The Top Screen

The DS Lite is the only games system that has two screens instead of one. This lets you get more out of your games: for example, if you play *Mario Kart DS*, all the racing action happens on the top screen while the bottom screen shows a map of the track and what position you're in.

The Stylus

There's a secret slot at the side of the DS Lite which holds a stylus. This small pen lets you write on the screen without smudging it. When you're done, you can tuck it away in its little hiding spot again, meaning you'll never lose it.

Wii Love It!

Your simple guide to the Nintendo Wii

Ever since the Wii turned up on the scene, games have become even more fun than they used to be! This is mostly down to its great controllers which let you play games in all sorts of weird and wonderful ways. Over these two fact-packed pages, we'll show you exactly what makes the awesome Wii tick.

The SD Card Slot

At the front of the Wii is a small flap which you can open up to reveal an SD card slot. If you have a digital camera which stores photos on an SD card, you can put it into this slot and load your photos into your Wii, then draw all over them! Once you've finished drawing moustaches on your auntie, you can then send your masterpieces straight to your friends' Wiis.

The Nunchuk

This plugs into the Remote and its analogue joystick lets you move characters about. It's also motion-sensitive like the Remote, so you can use it in *Mario & Sonic At The Olympics*, where you have to move both controllers really fast to run.

The Games

The Wii already has hundreds of games, from fun party games like *Mario & Sonic At The Olympic Games* to action and adventure games like *Super Mario Galaxy* or *The Legend Of Zelda; Twilight Princess*. You even get a game free with the Wii: the ace *Wii Sports*.

Miis

A pretty cool feature of the Wii is its ability to create a small character called a Mii. You can choose your Mii's eyes, nose, mouth, hair and body size, and tinker with it until it looks like a cartoon version of you. You can then use your Mii in certain games like *Wii Sports* and *Mario Kart*, so you can play as yourself!

"Once the Wii's online you can web surf and download new games"

Online Capabilities

The Wii has Wi-Fi built in, so if your house has a wireless internet connection you can go online with it. Once your Wii's online, you can do all sorts of things, from surfing the internet to even downloading brand-new games without having to go to the shops!

The Wii Remote

The thing that makes the Wii so awesome is its controller, the Wii Remote. If might look like a TV remote control, but with its motion-sensing abilities it can be a tennis racquet, a sword, a golf club, a steering wheel, a feather duster... the possibilities are endless! It also has an infra-red pointer at the end, which lets you point right at the screen: perfect for shooting games or drawing big bushy-looking 'taches on photos of your mates.

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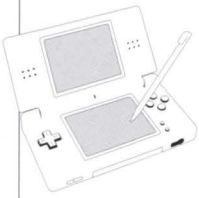
Guitar Hero: On Tour



If you've never played a *Guitar Hero*® game before, here's how it works. The game comes with a full-sized plastic guitar with a strum bar (a switch you flick as if you were plucking a guitar string) and fret buttons (coloured buttons on the guitar's neck). When different colours appear on the screen, you hold the fret button that matches the colour and strum the guitar at the right time, as if you were playing a real guitar. Do it right and you hear the guitar noise, do it wrong and you'll hear a really ugly clunking noise!

"If you've dreamt of being a rock star, this is for you"

What makes *Guitar Hero: On Tour* different is the fact that it's on the Nintendo DS. Now, you might be thinking how on earth you could play a DS game with a full-sized guitar controller, and the answer is you can't. Instead, *Guitar Hero: On Tour* comes with the Guitar Grip™, a special adaptor with four fret buttons that plugs into your DS's GBA slot (the one at the bottom of your DS). You hold the DS on its side and put your hand into the strap on the Grip. This way you can press the fret buttons while using the DS's touch screen to strum an on-screen guitar. This might sound a bit confusing, but when you try it for yourself you'll be amazed at how simple and clever it is, and more

GAME INFO

Format
DS

Publisher
Activision

Developer
Vicarious Visions

Multiplayer
1-2

Wi-Fi
No

Timing the button presses correctly is crucial in building up a great score.

There are different difficulty levels, so newer gamers can have great fun too.

When you play against someone else your guitar can catch fire! Blow in the microphone to put it out.

You can buy different costumes for your rocker in the game's shop section.

importantly, just how much fun it is to play – even if you're not a guitarist.

The game has over 25 real songs in it from bands like Bloc Party, Blink-182, Nirvana, OK Go and Red Hot Chili Peppers, so there's something here for anyone who likes their music rocking.

If you've ever dreamed of being a rock star then *Guitar Hero: On Tour* is the game for you. The special Guitar Grip controller is great fun to use and the music featured in the game is awesome. ✚

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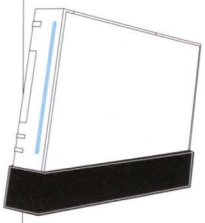
Family Ski

Step into a winter wonderland



It's time to strap on your skis and hit the slopes as skiing comes to the Wii! *Family Ski* takes place in the Happy Ski Resort, a huge skiing paradise with fresh powdery snow and loads of different exciting trails ready for you to explore.

The game makes use of the Wii's unique controllers, with the Wii Remote and Nunchuk acting as your ski poles. All you have to do is push them down and back like you would real ski poles and your little skier character on the screen will start to use her own poles to ski. You can also use the controllers to turn, speed up and slow down.

> "Loads of different trails ready for you to explore"

If that sounds a bit complicated, don't worry – the game has a Ski School mode where you can learn everything step-by-step.

Using the Wii's controllers is pretty cool, but *Family Ski* has an even sweeter trick up its sleeve. It can also be played using the Wii Balance Board which comes with *Wii Fit*! The Balance Board picks up your weight and your balance and translates that onto the screen. This means you can stand on the Board and use the Remote and Nunchuk as poles like before, but now you can turn left and right by leaning on the Board. You can also go faster by leaning forward, and slow down by leaning back. And if you wiggle your bum, your character will do the same!

Family Ski also makes use of the Wii's awesome Mii feature. This means you can create a little cartoon version of yourself and use it in the game, instead of one of the game's characters. You can import Miis from your whole family, meaning you can ski past your brother as he falls in the snow if you want.

When you're on the slopes, you have full control over what you want to do. If you want to just explore,

You can create your own skiier in the game or use your own Mii instead.

When you become a skilled skier, you can even do tricks when you jump!

GAME INFO

- **Format** Wii
- **Publisher** Namco Bandai
- **Developer** Hudson Soft
- **Multiplayer** 1-4
- **Wi-Fi** No

The Happy Ski Resort has all sorts of different trails and paths which lead to loads of different areas, like this one.

You can use the Wii Balance Board for some extra realism: it's great fun!

If you want to get to the top quickly, just use a ski lift.

feel free. If you want a bit of a challenge and want to take part in races, you can do that too. Or, if you fancy yourself as a bit of a photographer, you can ski around and take photos in the game, then send them to your friends' Wiis using the message board service.

Family Ski does exactly what the title says. It's a great skiing game that everyone will enjoy, young and old. There's always loads to do and plenty of different ways to play and ski. The best news? You won't ever catch a stinking cold if you fall over in the snow! ✚

"Import your family's Miis then ski straight past your younger brother as he falls in the snow"

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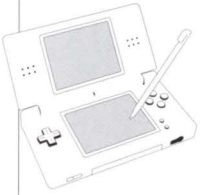
Tetris DS

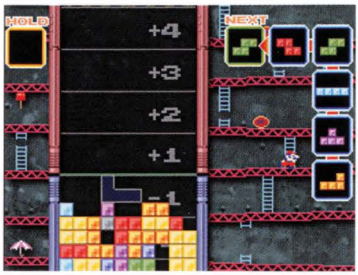
Fancy this classic Russian puzzler?



Tetris is one of the most popular videogames ever made. It was first created around 20 years ago and has appeared on almost every gaming system ever. Millions of gamers all over the world – no matter how young or old – know *Tetris* and agree that it's one of the most addictive things ever.

The rules are simple: blocks fall into a well. You have to move them and turn them so they fit together at the bottom of the well. If you fill a full line with blocks, the line disappears and the blocks above it move down. You have to keep going as long as you can until the blocks fill to the top.

"Tetris DS is one of the best games for your DS Lite"



In Push mode, you have to push blocks into your opponent's screen. Nasty!

Tetris DS is one of the best versions of the game ever made. Not only can you play normal old-school *Tetris*, there are loads of other single-player and multiplayer game modes (up to four of you can play at once), and you can even play online against people all over the world!

Even if you haven't played a puzzle game like this one before, you're sure to find your feet quickly. After all, millions of gamers from around the world can't be wrong.

Tetris DS is one of the best games for your DS Lite. It might look simple, but once you pick it up you'll find it very hard to put it down again! ✚

***Tetris DS* has a cool Mission mode where you have to perform tasks that are called out to you. It's great.**

The game has been given a retro feel, featuring some old *Mario* characters.

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** Nintendo
- **Multiplayer** 1-4
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

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Because it's exclusively designed for the Wii, the Speaker System looks just like Nintendo's system, meaning they look great together in your room. The two speakers look just like Nunchuk controllers too! Despite this, they don't just work with the Wii. They also have inputs in the back that you can plug your MP3 player into as well if you want, meaning you can experience the same room-filling effects with your favourite music as well as your games.

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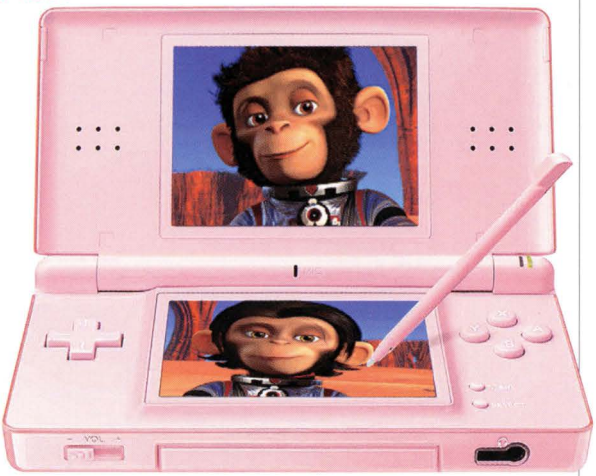

How would you like the chance to adopt a monkey? Well, we're giving one lucky reader the chance to do just that, and adopt their own chimp at Whipsnade Zoo! You'll get a colour photo, a certificate and a year's subscription to *Wild About* magazine, plus five free tickets to Whipsnade Zoo so you can visit your monkey. You'll also get a new DS Lite and a copy of the excellent *Space Chimps* game. Two runners up will also get a DS and *Space Chimps*.

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FEATURE

Summer Scorchers!

The DS is just perfect for the beach! Here are 10 games which are ideal for the holidays

Animal Crossing: Wild World

Animal Crossing puts you in a town filled with funny animal neighbours. The game doesn't have a set end to it; the town is yours to explore at your own pace. You can do deeds for the villagers, design your own clothes, go bug-catching... there are loads of activities for you to do all in your own time whenever you feel like it.

In summer there are different bugs to catch.

Mario can grow really big and stomp baddies!

New Super Mario Bros.

Some of the best games ever made have been *Mario* games, and *New Super Mario Bros* sticks to that high standard. As Mario you have to run through loads of different levels to find and rescue Princess Peach from the evil Bowser. It's one of the cheeriest games you'll play and a great way to pass time under the sun.

Nintendogs

There's one good thing about the summer – it hardly ever rains. So it's always fun to take your dog out for a walk. But why should your virtual dog have to suffer when you're busy with the real thing? Take your DS with you too! *Nintendogs* lets you choose from a wide selection of breeds, then take care of your dog using the DS Lite's touch screen and microphone.

Take care of a puppy without all the mess!

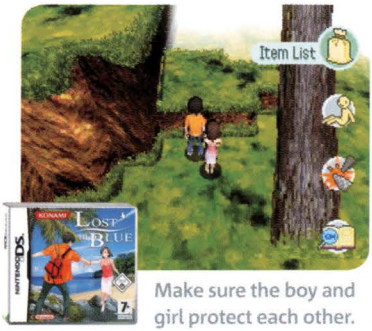
Who's faster: Mario or Sonic? Find out here!

Mario & Sonic At The Olympic Games

The Olympic Games take place this summer, so what better way is there to celebrate them than by playing this awesome DS game? For the first time ever Mario and Sonic, the two biggest names in gaming, appear together to see who's the best. Pick your character and use the touch screen to take part in the events.

Lost In Blue

Unless you're really lucky, chances are you won't be going on holiday to a tropical desert island this summer. So why not try the next best thing? *Lost In Blue* is a game about a boy and girl who have been shipwrecked on an island (a bit like *Lost*). Help them take care of each other by catching food, making fires and exploring, while you try to find a way to get off the island.

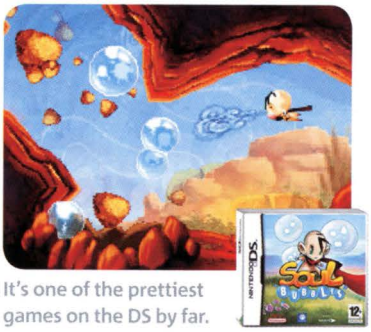


Make sure the boy and girl protect each other.

Big Brain Academy

School's done for the summer and the last thing you want to think about is learning. But *Big Brain Academy*'s different: it's fun! There are loads of challenges and activities to keep your brain ticking over while you enjoy your time off. When you go back to school you'll be well up for it, while your mates will be like zombies.

Can you make a truck out of these shapes?



It's one of the prettiest games on the DS by far.

Soul Bubbles

There are lots of pretty-looking games for the DS, but this one is beautiful. You play as a little apprentice who has the power to draw bubbles (using the touch screen). He uses these bubbles to carry tiny souls (which look like sparkling lights) to the end of each area. This is easily one of the cleverest, prettiest games ever.

Cooking Mama

If ever there was a perfect game for making use of the DS's abilities, *Cooking Mama* would be it. You get to choose from heaps of different meals that you then have to prepare for Mama. Chopping onions, mixing food, stirring pots, peeling potatoes: you name it, you do it using the touch screen and microphone. It's great fun. Who ever said cooking was dull?

Mama teaches you how to prepare each dish.

Pokémon Diamond/Pearl

Pokémon has been going for over ten years now, while *Diamond* and *Pearl*, the latest games in the series, are easily the best yet. As a *Pokémon* Trainer, you have to travel the land in search of new *Pokémon* to catch and other trainers to defeat in battle. This is a really long game, so it's a good job you'll have all summer to play it!

There are hundreds of Pokémon: catch 'em all!

Elite Beat Agents

One of the wackiest games you'll play, *Elite Beat Agents* puts you in charge of a group of secret agent cheerleaders who use the power of dancing to help people solve their problems (babysitting, directing a movie etc). To play, you have to tap on the screen to the rhythm of the music. It's the perfect summer game.

This is a pretty crazy game, but we love it!

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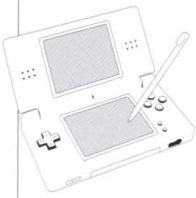
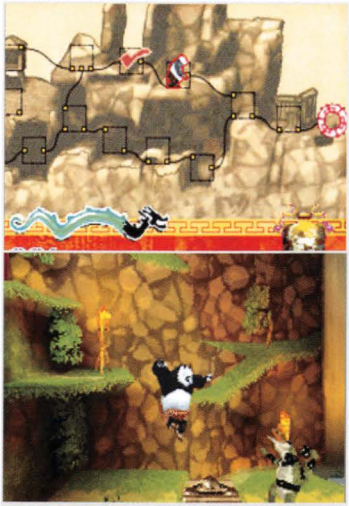
Kung Fu Panda

Ready to join this animal fight club?



The Hong Kong martial art of kung fu has many different special fighting styles named after animals: the tiger, the snake, the monkey and er, the panda?

Kung Fu Panda™ is based on the summer movie of the same name from DreamWorks, the same film studio who made the *Shrek* movies. It tells the story of Po the panda (who's voiced in the movie by Jack Black), who has to learn how to become a great kung fu warrior so that he can become the Dragon Warrior and defeat the ultimate enemy. Sounds simple enough.



Each character has their own special moves: since Po's heavy, he has a lot of powerful techniques.

You can perform some moves by drawing onto the touch screen.

You get to play as Po and his master Shifu as well as various members of the Furious Five – a group of animals skilled in kung fu.

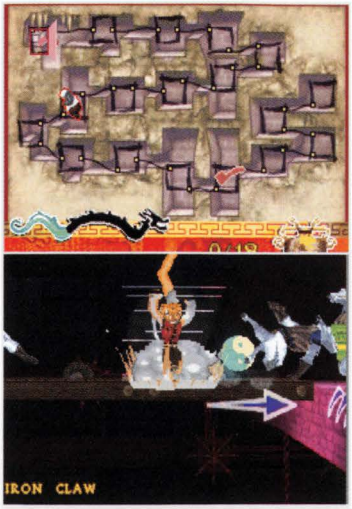
Po has fighting moves like the Panda Quake – where he uses his weight to create an earthquake – and the Iron Belly Blast, where he slams his big belly into enemies and sends them flying. His master Shifu has a different style: he's quick and agile, and is so fast he can create whirlwinds that stun his opponents.

The Furious Five all have their own different fighting styles too. Tigress has a fast, stylish fighting technique, while Monkey's the most acrobatic of the team, using his tail as a weapon. Viper the snake is stealthy, and can

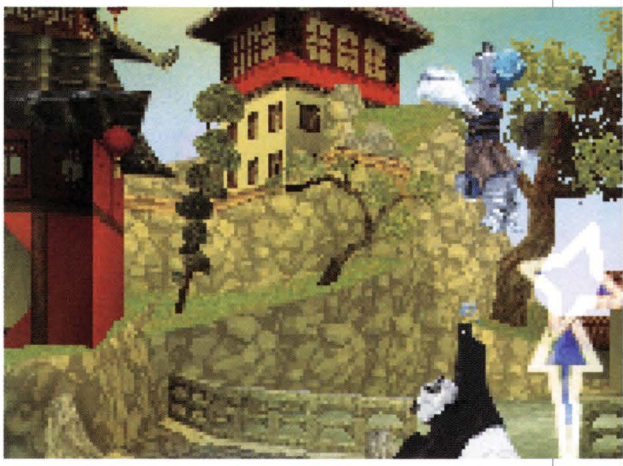
"The Furious Five are a group of animals skilled in the art of kung fu"

GAME INFO

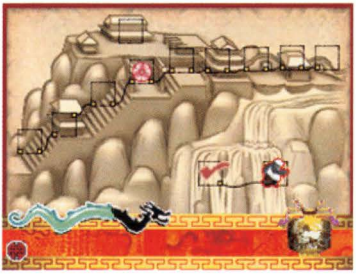
- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Activision
- **Developer** Vicarious Visions
- **Multiplayer** 1-2
- **Wi-Fi** No



Tigress uses her speed to her advantage, meaning most of her moves are quick and deadly.



Most locations in the game are based on those in the film, but there are also some new, never-before-seen areas!

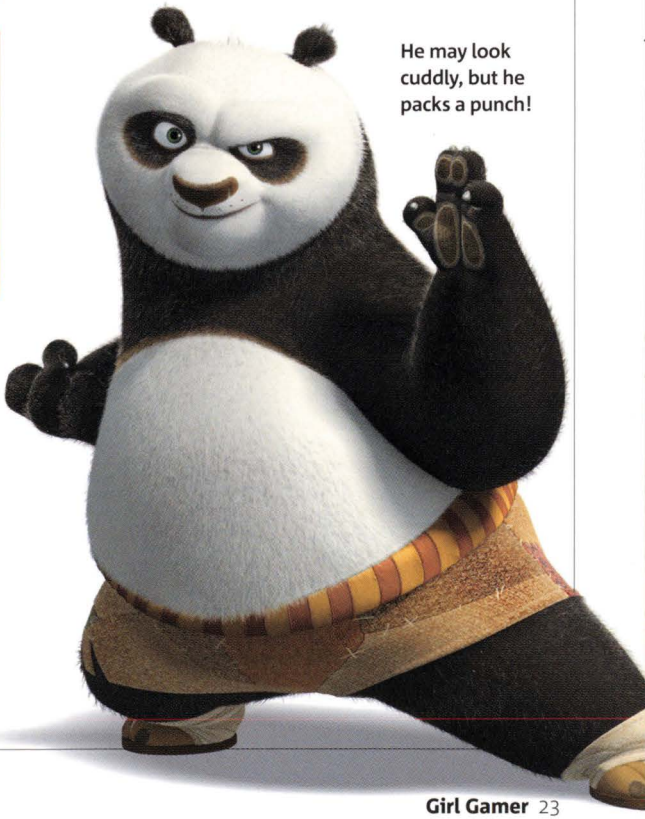


The top screen shows you a handy map so you can see exactly where you are.

choke enemies by wrapping around them, while Crane can fly, attacking his enemies from above. Finally, there's Mantis, who's super strong.

In the game, you visit 13 different levels overcoming various obstacles and defeating loads of nasty evil-doers. You can relive your favourite film moments and travel to new places only accessible in this game.

If you love the *Kung Fu Panda* movie, this game is the perfect way to get even more panda action!



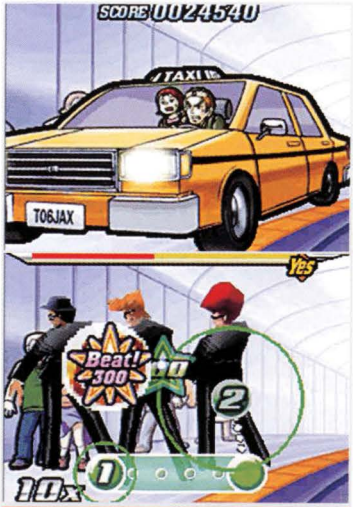
He may look cuddly, but he packs a punch!

Touch! Generations

Whether you're still quite new to the world of gaming or a dedicated girl gamer who's been playing for years, you'll love Nintendo's line of *Touch Generations* games. These are all titles that have been specially chosen by Nintendo as being ones that anyone can have fun playing, no matter how experienced a gamer you are.

The most popular *Touch Generations* game is *Dr Kawashima's Brain Training*, where people can learn how to improve their memory and logic. Some younger people might find that a bit dry and dull though, so for younger gamers there's *Big Brain Academy*. This has a similar idea but it's much more colourful than *Brain Training*, and the games are more fun to play. At the end of each lesson, the game tells you how heavy your brain is and how you can improve.

Another hugely popular *Touch Generations* game is *Nintendogs* – the adorable virtual pet game where you get to adopt a puppy then take care of the little pooch and raise it



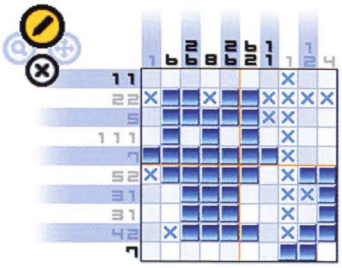
In the brilliant *Elite Beat Agents* you have to perform various stylus movements in time to pop tracks.

Picross DS

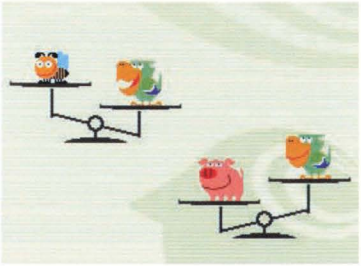
Never mind that boring Sudoku rubbish: this is the fun alernative! Use the clues to fill in squares. When you're done, a picture appears!

Big Brain Academy

Put your smarts to the test! A series of fun tests will let you know just how big your brain is. Challenge your friends as well!



It may look basic, but *Picross DS* is so much fun you'll have trouble stopping!



Big Brain Academy will help improve your memory, reading and maths skills.

until it becomes a fully fledged adult.

You can also play with your puppy using the touch screen, take it for walks and buy accessories for it, then teach it commands using the DS Lite's microphone. If you haven't played *Nintendogs* yet (and love puppies), you're seriously missing out!

Then there's *Picross DS*, a fun puzzle game that may look basic and simple but is fiendishly challenging.

Raise your very own virtual pet in the global smash hit, *Nintendogs*.

You're given an empty grid, and you have to fill in the squares based on clues you're given. Once you've finished filling in every square, you'll reveal a picture! *Picross DS* is one of the most rewarding and addictive puzzle games around.

Finally there's *Elite Beat Agents*.

"Play with your puppy using the touch screen"

You are in control of a group of cheerleading special agents who use the power of dance to help people solve their problems. You trigger dance moves by tapping circles on the screen to the correct beat.

The Touch Generation games are fun for all the family. You can spot them by looking for the *Touch Generations* circle logo that's visible on each games' packaging. ✚

Nintendogs

A classic! If you've never had a go at *Nintendogs*, you're missing out. Adopt your very own puppy and take care of it. It's the cutest game ever.

Elite Beat Agents

The world is in danger and it needs rhythm to fix it! Help the *Elite Beat Agents* bust some moves by tapping the touch screen.

Colourful Consoles!

The DS Lite has shades to spare

The DS Lite has become so popular that people, male or female, of all ages and lifestyles love playing it. So with such a wide range of gamers, it makes sense that the DS Lite should come in a wide rage of colours to suit everyone's mood.

Until recently, the DS Lite has been available in four different colours. When it was first released, it was available in either black or white, meaning you could go for a clean and pure look or go all mean and moody. Later on Nintendo released a pink one – which is our favourite – which became a hit with girl gamers all over the country.

Last Christmas the DS Lite was then given a fourth colour – silver – for people who fancied the hi-tech look. And now, just in time for summer, Nintendo has released three brand-new coloured DS Lite, and they're the brightest, most vibrant colours yet! There's a cool and calm turquoise one, a hot and fiery red one, and a funky lime green one.

So now, no matter what sort of a person you are, there's a DS Lite colour to suit your personality.

"There's a DS Lite shade to suit your personality"

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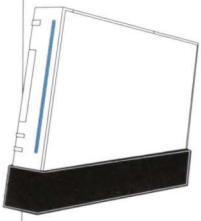
Mario Kart Wii

Ready to race with Mario and friends?



Buckle up and get ready to burn rubber: it's time for *Mario Kart Wii*! The *Mario Kart* games have been around since the early '90s, and this latest version on the Wii is the best yet. You can play as Mario, Luigi, Princess Peach or one of 21 other different characters as you battle it out over 32 tracks to see who the fastest racer in the Mushroom Kingdom is.

Each course is filled with hazards and obstacles that you need to watch out for, whether it's balls of fire, pools of water, or penguins or cows walking onto the track and getting in your way. You can also collect items that help you beat your opponents, ranging from shells you can throw at karts to knock them over, or mushrooms to give your kart a boost and let you go much faster.

> "Compete over 32 tracks to see who Mushroom Kingdom's fastest racer is"

Baby Peach is a light racer, which means she can accelerate quickly.

What makes *Mario Kart Wii* special is the fact that it comes included with the Wii Wheel. This is a plastic shell, shaped like a steering wheel. You place the Wii Remote inside it and turn it like you would a normal steering wheel, and your kart on the screen turns the same way. It makes the game much easier to play, and makes you feel more like you're actually in the action! Trust us, it's a really fun addition to the game.

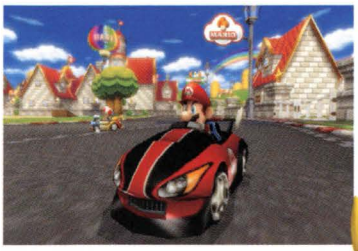
Stuck for someone to play with? Not anymore! *Mario Kart Wii* also has full online multiplayer. This means that if your house has a wireless internet connection, you can connect your Wii up to it and use it to race against other people

GAME INFO

- **Format** Wii
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** Nintendo
- **Multiplayer** 1-4
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

The Wii Wheel adds to the fun!

This isn't just for show, you know. Doing a wheelie gives your bike an extra speed boost!



There are loads of *Mario* characters in the game. Which is your favourite?

Watch out: each track is full of dangerous obstacles to avoid.

all over the world! In the fast and furious world of *Mario Kart Wii*, up to 12 people can play at once, meaning races can get pretty crazy. Are you up to the challenge?

Mario Kart Wii is the best racing experience you'll find on the Wii. The Wii Wheel controller means that anyone, young or old, will find it easy to get to grips with, and the online multiplayer modes mean you'll never run out of people to play against. Even if you haven't played *Mario Kart* ever before, you'll find the driving easy to master and you'll be racing head-to-head with your friends online in no time. ✚

Peach is proof girls are the best drivers!

Fighting Fit

Girl Gamer editor Clair plays *Wii Fit* for a week

Monday

I started off with some yoga exercises, where I had to stand on the Wii Balance Board (which measures my balance) and copy the trainer on the screen. Some of them were quite easy to do, but the game told me that my balance was all over the place! So I really had to concentrate to improve it!

Tuesday

Today I tried some of the easier muscle-building exercises. Each of these are designed to strengthen a certain part of my body, like my legs or my waist. I remembered to keep my balance this time! The game told me that good posture is the key to a fitter lifestyle.

Wednesday

Tried my hand at some of the aerobics games. One of them sees me standing on the Balance Board and turning my hips as if I was playing with a hula hoop! I could see my Mii character on the screen doing exactly the same thing: it was really funny.

Thursday

The game has a lot of fun Balance games too, so I decided to have a go at them. In one of them you have to lean left and right on the Board and head footballs that are being kicked at you, while in another I had to ski down a big ski slope.

Friday

I decided to go back to the muscle-building exercises and try some of the harder ones. They really took it out of me! After the one where I had to do push-ups I was exhausted! Tried some hard yoga ones and they were almost as exhausting too.

Saturday

Found a fun dancing game where I had to step on and off the Board to the beat of the music. I thought it was a bit easy but then the game told me I had earned a harder version of it, with side-steps and hand claps.

Sunday

I tried the jogging game which sees you running round an island. So after a week, how has Wii Fit affected me? I really do feel fitter. I don't get so tired when I'm running for the bus, and I feel like I have more energy!

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This is definitely an issue for animal lovers as we look at *The Sims 2 Apartment Pets*, *My Pet Dolphin* and the brilliant *Animal Crossing: City Folk*, perhaps the most exciting game of the year. You can also read about how to create your own critters in *Spore Creatures*. There's a whole range of new Imagine games to read about, too. These new games will have you dancing, baby-sitting and even teaching on your DS. We'll also tell you what Nintendo Wii and DS games you should be looking out for this winter. And if you're new to gaming you can discover how to get the most out of your Wii and DS over the page!

Finally, we've got another exclusive competition giving you the chance to win a range of Imagine games so make sure you enter that one. Enjoy your magazine!

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Lite Club

Why you should join up now!

It's got two screens and an innovative control system but the best thing about the DS Lite is that it's got something for everyone. From *Nintendogs* to *Brain Training* and *Mario Kart* there is just so much variety and anyone of any age, girl or boy can enjoy it. It's no wonder it's the most popular games console in the world right now and if you've bought one you're a member of a club with over 50 million members! If you've not got one, here's a guide to what you can do with it. +

Play Games

As we said above there's a huge variety of games to play. As well as having fun in adventures such as *New Super Mario Bros.* and *Pokémon Diamond/Pearl*, some games like *Brain Training* and *Cooking Guide* can improve your mind and teach you new skills. There's more to this machine than traditional games.

Go Online

Thanks to Nintendo's Wi-Fi Connection you can go online and play games with friends. So even if you're not in the same room as your mates, you can race against them in the brilliant *Mario Kart DS*, battle in *Pokémon Diamond/Pearl* or meet friends in *Animal Crossing: Wild World*. You can also play against people on the other side of the world if you like.

Use The Mic

That tiny little hole is actually a microphone and if you're online you can chat to you friends through it when playing a game of *Pokémon Diamond/Pearl*. You'll also need to blow into it to put out flames in games like *The Legend Of Zelda: Phantom Hourglass* and *LEGO Indiana Jones*. Genius.

Touch The Screen

The DS Stylus give you a new way to play and so many games have used it brilliantly. You rub it on the touch screen to stroke your dog in *Nintendogs*, tap it to chop onions in *Cooking Mama* and slide it to strum strings in *Guitar Hero: On Tour*. You can even use it to perform surgery in *Trauma Center*.

Get A Grip

You can actually remove this bit of plastic here to reveal another slot for old Game Boy Advance (Nintendo's handheld gaming console before DS) games. The *Guitar Hero: On Tour* Guitar Grip also slots in here

"The DS Lite is the only console with two screens"

Look Up

With most handheld games consoles you only have one screen but DS has two. In some games like *Sonic Rush* and *Mario & Luigi Partners In Time*, the action will flick between the two screens while others, like *Nintendogs*, use it to show you a map of the area. Other games which don't use the touch screen so much are more likely to feature the action up top.

Listen

The DS has a pair of speakers but games sound better through headphones. You should definitely use headphones if you're playing along with *Guitar Hero: On Tour* or tapping in time with the tunes of *Elite Beat Agents*.

Wii Will Rock You

What can Wii do for you?

Wii has changed everything. Before the console was released you could never imagine playing games with your whole family but now, with fun and simple games like *Wii Fit* and *Wii Play*, everyone is playing, even your gran. It's all thanks to the brilliance of the Wii Remote. But what other great things can Wii do? Read on. +

Make Your own Mii

It's great being able to create your own cartoon character of yourself and play as her in *Wii Sports*, *Mario Kart Wii* and many other games. It's so easy to do as well as you just choose your body shape and then move onto tinkering with your nose, eyes and mouth before accessorising. You can create your whole family and have a hilarious game of doubles in *Wii Sports* tennis. If you like, you can even try to create your favourite celebrities. To see some we created **go to page 30.**

Go Shopping

There are loads of Wii games to buy but did you know you can play old Nintendo games on your Wii? If you go to the Virtual Console section in the Wii Shopping Channel there are hundreds of classic games to download. They may not look as good as today's Wii games but they're inexpensive and many of them are brilliant. For starters, why not try out *Super Mario Bros. 3*, *Sonic 3* or *Pokémon Puzzle League*. You can buy the games with Wii Points which you can either purchase in a high street store or online.

Take Control

There's more to the Remote than you might think. Obviously you can point it at the screen and wave it around as if it were a sword, tennis racquet or golf club, yet you can also clip it into a steering wheel in *Mario Kart Wii*, slot it into the Wii Zapper for shooting games and even put it in your plastic guitar in *Guitar Hero III*. Soon a new Wii MotionPlus adapter will be released which will give you even greater accuracy. And don't forget about the Nunchuk, another motion-sensor controller which plugs into your Remote and is needed for games like *Mario & Sonic At The Olympic Games*. You can also use the analogue stick to move your character in adventure games.

"You can play all sorts of games online against your friends"

Buy WiiWare Games

In addition to downloading Virtual Console games you can also purchase WiiWare titles in the Wii Shop. These new games are usually a bit simpler than the ones you'd find in a high street shop but they're far cheaper with the most expensive costing 1,500 Wii Points (around £10). *LostWinds*, a charming platform game, is great and you should also look out for *Final Fantasy Crystal Chronicles: My Life As A King* which is, like *MySims*, a kingdom building game.

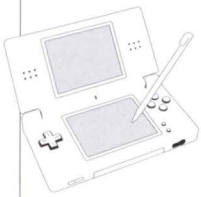
Play Online

If you have Broadband you can browse the internet on your Wii for no extra charge. Even better, you can play all sorts of games online against your friends who have a Wii by swapping your Wii Friend codes with them. *Mario Kart Wii* is the best online game as those 12-player races can get pretty frenetic but *Super Smash Bros. Brawl*, *Guitar Hero III* and *Mario Strikers Charged Football* all have great online options that you should check out if you can.

OUT NOW

Cooking Mama 2: Dinner With Friends

Mama returns in not one, but two games!



Forget Delia! Cooking Mama is the new queen of the kitchen. After starting the cooking craze on DS with her original game, the culinary trailblazer is back in a sequel stuffed with features, including 80 new recipes, twice as many mini-games and a new multi-player mode.

"Cooking Mama is the new Queen of the kitchen!"

Each recipe is broken down into a series of timed mini-games and Mama will show you what to do before you take over. So you could be tapping the stylus on the screen to chop onions, rubbing it to grate cheese or drawing circles to stir.

However, you're left alone in the new Let's Cook Mode where you cook for friends. It's here that *Cooking Mama 2* offers some serious challenge as if you make too many slip-ups in preparation your finished dish will look far from perfect.

Another great new feature is the multiplayer mode which allows you to compete with up to four friends in a cook off. It all adds up to another fun cooking game from Mama. ✚

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** 505 Games
- **Developer** Cooking Mama Limited
- **Multiplayer** 1-4
- **Wi-Fi** No

Mama will watch over you as you cut the pasta with the DS stylus.

Cooking Mama: World Kitchen

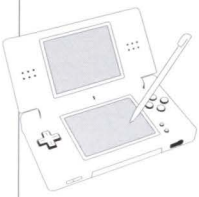
After cooking up a storm on DS, Mama will return to Wii in 2009 with *Cooking Mama: World Kitchen*. Once again you'll be cooking with the Wii Remote, but Mama's new game boasts an all-new 3D visual style and some neat new mini-games, such as the one where Mama catches burgers in her apron. Brilliant!

In the Wii game you'll have to wave the Wii Remote to cook.

OUT NOVEMBER

My Pet Dolphin 2

Look after your very own dolphin



Dolphins are truly amazing creatures: intelligent, friendly and cute. But you can hardly keep one in the bath, can you? Here, then, is the next best thing, a game which lets you nurture, train and become best friends with your very own dolphin!

This is the second *My Pet Dolphin* game. In case you missed the first one, it saw you acting as a dolphin trainer, teaching your dolphin tricks and becoming its best friend. This time, you take care of a baby dolphin in an open sea environment. With him in tow, you'll explore the ocean, finding treasures and secret locations.

"Take care of a baby dolphin in the open sea"

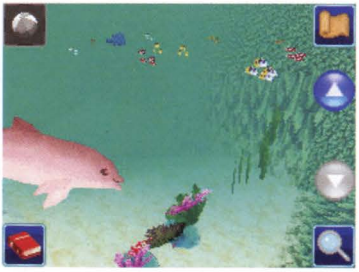
Using the pen-shaped stylus you'll guide your dolphin round his watery home, helping him to gain confidence and perform all kinds of new tricks! These are performed by drawing shapes on the touch screen with the stylus. Then your dolphin buddy follows your lead and has loads of fun as he goes!

It could be tricky to keep track of all the things you and your dolphin collect in the great blue yonder but, thankfully, there's a handy album for you to store all your finds in. You can then look back over it and admire your dolphin's handiwork!

With loads of different mini-games ranging from flower growing to sea racing and deep-sea diving, this is a jam-packed game which will have you hooked for hours! ✚

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** 505 Games
- **Developer** StarFish
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** Yes



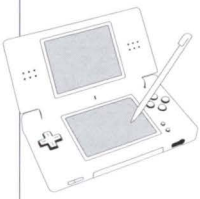
Moving your pet dolphin around the ocean is simple with the DS stylus.

There is so much to explore in the sea. This is the Sands Course. Wonder what you'll find here?

OUT NOW

Princess On Ice

Be the best ice dancer in the world!



Have you ever watched *Dancing On Ice* on ITV, where lots of famous people try out ice skating? *Princess On Ice* is a little bit like that, in the palm of your hand!

You help four young ice dancers – Kelly, Gabrielle, Alyssa and Madison – get ready for the famous Princess On Ice tournament. The way the DS lets you control the dancers is brilliant fun. Different shapes appear on the bottom screen in time to the music and you must use the stylus to tap matching shapes before the clock runs down. Miss one and your dancer will lose her balance.

"The way the DS lets you control the dancers is fun!"

You'll need a sense of rhythm to be a true Princess on the ice rink.

On the upper screen, your skater's performance reflects what you do on the touch screen, so you need to be quick as a flash with your stylus to make sure you perform well.

As well as dancing, you can choose beautiful costumes and accessories so that your dancers wow the judges! There's loads to do – the more you play, the more you'll love it. +

You'll get some nice words of encouragement from the judges if you skate well. Excellent!

You can check out the personal details of each dancer. Gabrielle likes yellow!

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** 505 Games
- **Developer** Arc System
- **Multiplayer** 1-2
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

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Wii Fit

Aerobic Exercises

Wii Fit: Fitness and Fun for Everyone!

Wii Fit is a fun way to stay in shape that the whole family can enjoy. Feel the burn with aerobic exercises like Jogging and Step Basic, and experience more than 40 other training activities.

Wii Fit and the included Wii Balance Board work together with the Wii console to bring a fun fitness regime into your living room! Set goals, learn expert techniques and track the progress of yourself and others.

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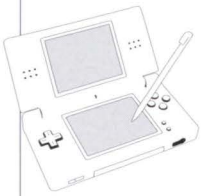
The Sims 2 Apartment Pets

Keep the pet of your dreams on the DS!



The *Sims* games are some of the most popular in the world right now. You take control of a Sim, a little person with the power to really make things happen.

In this particular game you move into a trendy apartment in order to look after your uncle's pet spa business downstairs. Being in an apartment block means you get to meet all the cool neighbours as well as their pets! Naturally you'll want to adopt a pet as well – you want to be in with the crowd, right?

All the while you'll need to be running your uncle's pet spa where you can pamper and personalise all kinds of animals from dogs and cats to rabbits, hamsters and even snakes. Yes, really!

As the Sims earn money (called Simoleans) you can improve the apartment and the pet spa, and buy new toys for your pets. You can also earn new accessories for your pets by playing various mini-games using the DS stylus.

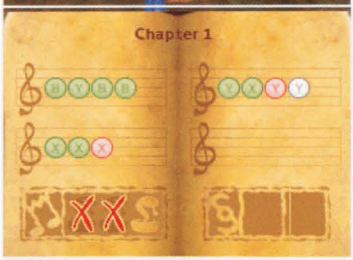
The Sims 2 Apartment Pets really is great fun and as you play, you'll grow to love your Sims' animals as much as your own pets! +

"You'll grow to love your Sims' animals as much as your own real-life pets."

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** EA
- **Developer** EA Redwood Shores
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No

This time you'll have to keep both the Sims and their pets entertained.

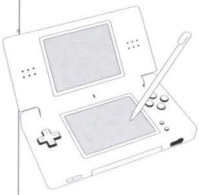


It may not be as cute as a floppy-eared rabbit but you'll have to give your snake just as much attention.

OUT SEPTEMBER

Spore Creatures

Create your own creature!



If you're a creative type you'll enjoy *Spore Creatures*. This is the adventure that allows you to create your very own custom creature!

You start as a basic creature who is out on a journey to save the galaxy. On your travels you'll meet other creatures and either make friends with them or fight them. As you progress you'll collect parts and special Bio Powers so you can personalise your character.

"Everyone who plays will have a different beast"

You can place the body parts wherever you like with the DS stylus.

At first you'll look a bit like a slug with eyes but soon you'll have legs, mouths and other body parts to choose from. You can also change the colour of your character and add patterns in the Creature Editor. It's all very easy to do with the stylus and the touch screen.

Once you've got a creature that you are proud of, you can go online with Wi-Fi Connection and share your creation with friends. You can also store creatures on your DS.

Most adventures give you a character to play as but *Spore* is different as everyone who plays will have a different beast. What a great idea for a game! ✚

On your adventures you'll meet friends but you'll also have to fight against numerous enemies.

Change your creature's body colour and his hair before adventuring.

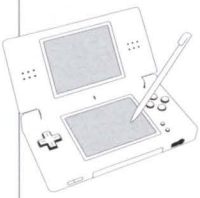
GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** EA
- **Developer** Maxis
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

OUT NOW

Imagine Baby Club

Become a baby-sitting Queen



In *Imagine Baby Club*, you are a young baby-sitter with a gift for making babies happy.

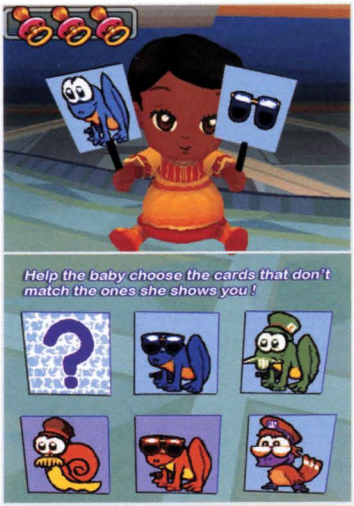
After moving to a nice new town, you take care of different families' babies. In fact, you become so good at it, everyone will ask for you!

You can choose which families you baby-sit for. At first only some families will trust you with their baby so you must form a strong bond with one by choosing the baby's appearance and playing with them. Then even more parents will ask you to baby-sit for their children.

Eventually you'll start work at a local nursery, where you must first help two babies to get along with one another by playing games with them. There's a game of dressing up, you can play with toys and you can feed them when they get hungry! Soon enough they'll be the best of friends, and everyone will be so impressed that the nursery will take on even more babies. You'll help babies learn to crawl, walk and play with toys.

Imagine Baby Club is a lovely game which lets you form strong relationships with cute babies – and all for the price of a DS game. You won't be able to put it down! ✚

"Help babies learn to walk, crawl and play with toys!"



You can play with the babies. Here you have to help the little one choose some cards.

Your first task in the nursery is to help two babies get along and play nicely.

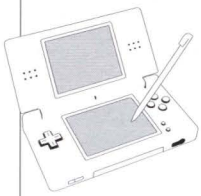
GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Ubisoft
- **Developer** Magic Pockets
- **Multiplayer** 1-4
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

OUT NOVEMBER

My Secret World by Imagine

Your secrets are safe with DS...



When you turn the Nintendo DS on it side, it looks just like a book or a diary. Well, that's exactly what *My Secret World By Imagine* does. It turns your DS into your very own electronic diary! It is perfect for keeping all your most important secrets in and planning your busy social life. Plus you even get your own password so only you can access it!

"It turns your DS into your very own electronic diary!"

But it's so much more than that because you can use it to get to know yourself even better. As well as writing notes with the stylus on the touch screen, you can answer special personality quizzes that tell you what kind of a person you are.

You can customise your diary with over 500 cool backgrounds, stickers and photographs. Plus, you can create special cards containing all of your best friends' details.

Mini-games can be played with up to three of your friends. These include quizzes to see how close you all are. You can then collect their personal profile cards to keep with yours. You can also play on your own in a great Fortune Cookie mini-game which predicts your future.

More than just a game, *My Secret World By Imagine* turns your DS into a fun companion for you and your best friends! ✚

One of the personality tests. Use the stylus to say where you prefer to relax.

You can plan events in the diary - like going to a rock concert with Jim!

Choose new outfits for your character. That blue shirt looks good!

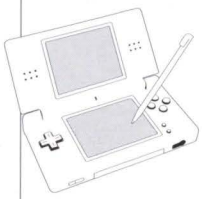
GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Ubisoft
- **Developer** International Milan
- **Multiplayer** 1-4
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

OUT NOW

Imagine Teacher

Guide your students to success!



Have you ever wondered what it must be like to stand in your teacher's shoes? Well, now here's your chance!

In *Imagine Teacher* you play as a teacher starting work in a new school. At first you'll have a small class of children, but as you become a better teacher your class grows and eventually you'll run the school.

"You'll wish your real teacher was more like you!"

You'll have to mark your students' work. Creating a good learning environment in the school is vital.

Match the flags to the correct countries in geography. Can you spot the error?

Fun mini-games will help you make the school a great place to be. You'll have to help your students to excel in subjects such as writing, science, maths, geography and history. Even better, you can develop your pupils' artistic skills in music, drawing and pottery lessons.

To be a really great teacher you'll have to get to know your pupils, and each one has a different personality. They all have favourite subjects and activities to do, so you need to figure out a way of making your classes fun for everybody.

As your school becomes better you'll attract even more students. This means you can upgrade your school with new items, but it also means you have to do important stuff like organising parent evenings. Best of all, you get to throw parties for your pupils' birthdays and organise the end-of-year celebration.

In fact you'll become such a good teacher, you'll wish your real one was more like you! ✚

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Ubisoft
- **Developer** Magic Pockets
- **Multiplayer** 1-4
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

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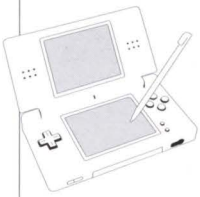
Imagine Girl Band

Storm the charts as a pop princess!



Everyone's imagined being in Girls Aloud in front of the mirror. We've all done it. But with *Imagine Girl Band* you can go one step further. You can form your own super group!

Through a mixture of style, personality and great pop songs, you'll be signed by a record label and rise through the charts to become one of the biggest bands around.

"Imagine Girl Band is your chance to be a pop star"

You'll be in charge of everything from the music to the outfits and even hiring your band mates.

Like a lot of bands, there are four instruments to learn: lead guitar, bass guitar, drums and keyboard. Each has its own unique controls and you'll need to master each one by playing them with the DS stylus.

As you get better at performing, you'll draw bigger crowds and your popularity points will grow until a record company offers you a recording contract.

With the option to play with up to four of your friends, *Imagine Girl Band* is your chance to be a true pop superstar! Move over Girls Aloud! ✚

Playing the keyboard is great fun with the DS stylus as you simply tap the keys to make a nice tune.

You can see your drummer hit the skins on the top screen as you play below.

As we all know, style is all-important if you want to make it in the pop world.

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Ubisoft
- **Developer** Gevo Entertainment
- **Multiplayer** 1-4
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

Win!

A **DS Lite** and four **great games** from the Imagine series!

If you're sick of games full of shooting and violence then maybe the Imagine series of games is for you. These great DS games are made especially for girl gamers and are so good that TV celebs Fearne Cotton and Holly Willoughby are soon appearing in adverts for them!

If you fancy trying these games out yourself then we've got a great competition for you. We've got five DS Lites to give away, and each one comes with four games from the Imagine series: *Imagine Girl Band, Imagine Teacher, My Secret World By Imagine* and *Imagine Baby Club*.

To have a chance of winning, answer this question:

Which Saturday show did Holly Willoughby not present?

A) Holly & Stephen's Saturday Showdown
B) Ministry Of Mayhem
C) SMTV Live

Once you know the answer, text IMAGINE (then a space) and then the letter of your answer followed by your full name and address to 87474; so if you think it's B, your entry should read 'IMAGINE B (name and address)'. Each text costs 50p plus standard network charges.

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"The Imagine games have been made especially with girl gamers in mind"

HOT STUFF

The top ten Wii & DS games to look forward to this winter.

Animal Crossing City Folk

Wii

***Animal Crossing: Wild World* is one of the best games on DS and now it's coming to Wii. Like the DS version, it puts you in a little town populated by cute animals** but this time you can take the bus to the big city! Here, you can watch a show at the theatre, hit the sales at Gracie's boutique or even go to the salon where you can change your hairstyle and get a Mii makeover.

Animal Crossing is all about getting to know your neighbours by running errands and swapping gifts. There's just so much to do – you can go shopping, fishing or collect stuff such as clothes, accessories or cool furniture for your home.

Best of all you can go online using Wi-Fi Connection and invite three of your friends to visit your town and then you'll be able to chat to them using the new WiiSpeak microphone that will sit on top of your telly.

Anticipation Rating: 🔥🔥🔥🔥🔥

There's so much to do in *Animal Crossing*. Here are four characters taking part in a fishing contest.

Sonic Chronicles: The Dark Brotherhood

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Sonic has starred in two platform games on DS but now he returns in a different style of adventure. In this role playing game he teams up with the likes of Tails, Knuckles and co. to take on a new mysterious force that is threatening the once peaceful land. As in many role-playing games, you'll bring your team into battle and take turns to attack and defend against the enemy. It's an exciting new direction for the hedgehog.

Anticipation Rating: 🔥🔥🔥🔥

In role-playing games you'll have a team of characters who you will control in battles against enemies.

Wii Sports Resort

Wii

This is the sequel to the brilliant *Wii Sports*, the game that comes free with the Wii. You'll have to pay for it this time but it will come with a new Wii Remote adapter which will give you improved accuracy when playing the new sports games. So far we've seen a great gladiator game which has you waving the Remote as if it were a sword, Dog Disc where you throw a frisbee for a puppy to catch and, best of all, a great jet-ski game.

Anticipation Rating: 🔥🔥🔥🔥🔥

Fling the frisbee at the right angle and the dog will catch it in its mouth.

Viva Piñata: Pocket Paradise

NINTENDO DS

If you're a fan of *Animal Crossing* you'll love *Viva Piñata*. It's set in a small rundown garden which you have to turn into a woodland paradise filled with small creatures called piñata. To attract them you'll have to lay down grass, plant seeds and tend to the land. Some piñata like different foods so you have to cater to their needs. Who would think that gardening could be so great?

Anticipation Rating: 🔥🔥🔥🔥🔥

The pinata characters react differently to other pinata so you have to ensure they don't scrap.

WarioLand: The Shake Dimension

Wii

Wario is like a devious version of Mario with an evil cackle. He's also the star of *WarioLand: The Shake Dimension*, a new 2D platform adventure for Wii. He's taking on a pirate leader called the Shake King who has kidnapped Queen Merelda. It's up to Wario to save her and grab the Bottomless Coin Sack for himself. So you run and jump around the levels, shaking the Wii Remote to attack enemies and collect money from the sacks.

Anticipation Rating: 🔥🔥🔥🔥🔥

You'll have to waggle that Wii Remote fast when you see the word 'Shake' appear on the screen.

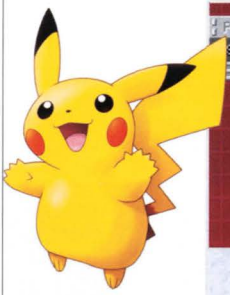
HOT STUFF

The top ten Wii & DS games to look forward to this winter.

Pokémon Ranger The Shadow Of Almia

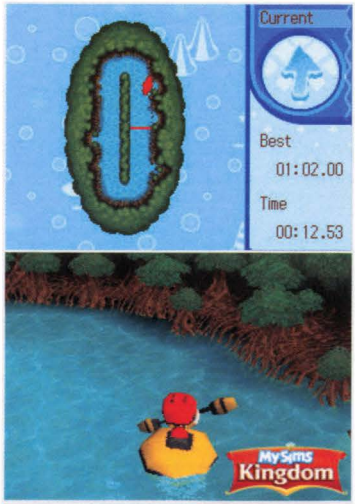
NINTENDO DS.

The first *Pokémon Ranger* game was a great success, going straight to number one. So Pokémon fans will be looking forward to this new journey to become a Top Ranger which takes players to the region of Almia. This time there's a larger world and you can explore oceans, forests, deserts and more with the help of your Partner Pokémon. Capturing the Pokémon is fun as you have to draw circles round them with the stylus to catch them.
Anticipation Rating: 🔥🔥🔥🔥



This is the first *Ranger* game to feature Pokémon from *Diamond/ Pearl*. Pikachu will be there too!

There is more to do in *Shadow of Almia* than in the previous *Pokémon Ranger* game.



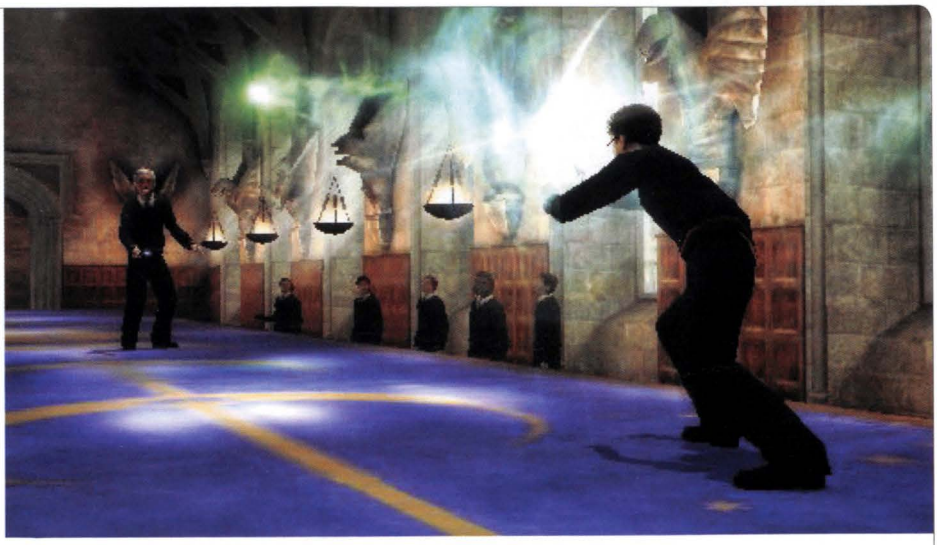
Kayaking is just one of the mini-games on offer in the DS version of *MySims Kingdom*.

MySims Kingdom

NINTENDO DS. Wii.

***MySims* was hailed as the new *Animal Crossing* when it was released last year. Now it's back** and in the Wii version you have to help King Roland rebuild his kingdom by helping friends and building everything from houses to bridges and space rockets! The DS version has you helping the King defeat evil and persuading him that your island is the ultimate destination. Mini-games include kayaking, ski jumping and populating the town zoo.
Anticipation Rating: 🔥🔥🔥🔥

"Help the King defeat evil!"



Harry Potter And The Order of The Phoenix

Wii

There's a new Harry Potter movie this year but there's also a game based on the film. The best thing about *Order Of The Phoenix* is that you actually get to explore Hogwarts from the Great Hall to the clock tower and the Owlery to Gryffindor dormitory. As you explore you'll meet your favourite characters and you can also mix potions and cast spells in duels with Harry's rival Draco Malfoy. Best of all, you can get on your broomstick and compete in Quidditch matches.

Anticipation Rating: 🔥🔥🔥🔥

Eledees: The Adventures Of Kai And Zero

NINTENDO DS

***Eledees* was released on Wii last year but *The Adventures Of Kai And Zero* sounds even better. It's like a** game of hide and seek as you search for little creatures called Eledees who supply the world with its power. There are 64 magical creatures called Omega Eledees to catch, each with magical abilities and you'll have to find them, befriend, raise them and use their powers in battles.

Anticipation Rating: 🔥🔥🔥🔥

In the Wii game you pointed your Remote at the screen and zapped Eledees but this DS sequel plays like an adventure.

OUT NOW

Pokémon Mystery Dungeon: Explorers Of Time/Darkness

You play as the Pokémon in these adventures

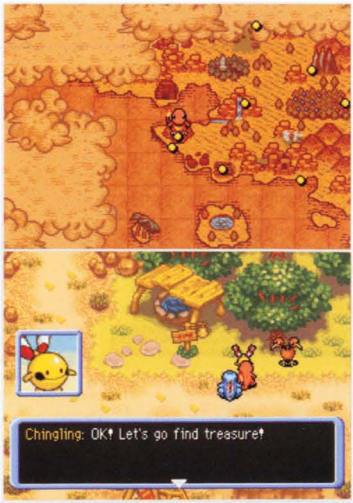
In most Pokémon games you play as a trainer who catches cute creatures called Pokémon, before raising them, making them stronger and taking them into battles. However, in the *Mystery Dungeon* games you actually play as the Pokémon themselves.

"It's irresistibly cute and there's so much to do"

Pokémon Mystery Dungeon Explorers Of Time/Darkness are the second pair of *Mystery Dungeon* games and like their predecessors you'll take control of a human who has mysteriously been transformed into a Pokémon. Once again, the Pokémon you play as will be decided after you've undergone a personality test to see which of the 16 Pokémon best suits you.

Then you can choose your partner and join a Pokémon Guild before embarking on a journey to find out why you've been turned into Pokémon, all the while trying to stop a Pokémon thief who wants to stop time and plunge the world into eternal darkness. In order to do this, the evil Pokémon has travelled back in time and is attempting to steal special items called Time Gears which will halt time.

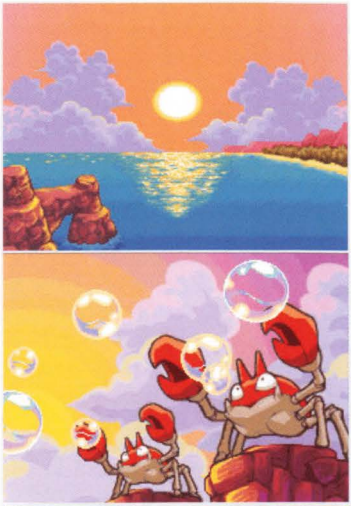
You'll get to meet all kinds of Pokémon as you complete quests for the Guild.



Initially you'll only have two Pokémon in your rescue team but you can add more to your party.

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** Chunsoft/ Pokemon Company
- **Multiplayer** 1-2
- **Wi-Fi** Yes



Looks like the sun is going down . You have to prevent the world being turned into darkness.

There's something important at the bottom of each dungeon like treasure or a Pokémon in distress.

Turtwig is one of 16 Pokémon you can play as.

So you'll set out on missions to find treasure and help other Pokémon who are in trouble. There are loads of quests and many dungeons to explore but as you make your way around the various floors you will have to get stuck into some battles. These are turn-based with each side taking alternate turns to attack. You can use four Pokémon to attack at once, yet if you get knocked down you can connect to the internet via Wi-Fi Connection and get a friend who is also playing to game to revive you.

As always with Pokémon games it is irresistibly cute and there is so much to see and do. ✚

Pikachu is probably the most recognisable Pokémon in the world. Here he is, giving Totodile some important advice.

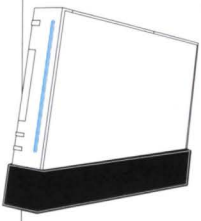
"You'll take control of a human who's mysteriously been transformed into a Pokémon"

OUT NOW

Super Smash Bros. Brawl

Nintendo's famous females fight...

This is Samus from the *Metroid* games. She usually wears a robotic suit.



***Super Smash Bros. Brawl* is the only place you'll see Nintendo's greatest heroines in a game** together. Princesses Peach and Zelda are joined by Samus for this fighting game starring Nintendo's big stars.

Mario is there and he's joined by Pikachu, Donkey Kong and even Sonic The Hedgehog. Your toughest task could be picking your challenger!

Unlike many other fighting games *Super Smash Bros. Brawl* is simple to play as you turn the Wii Remote on its side, tap 2 for normal attacks and 1 for special attacks. But the action really hots up when you find a Smash Ball and unleash your Final Smash Each character has unique moves – Peach attacks with Peach Blossom, Zelda has arrows while Samus puts on her power suit.

Battling with friends is great fun but there's loads to do for the single player too, including an adventure where you run through levels and fight loads of enemies. *Super Smash Bros. Brawl* will keep you busy for a very long time indeed! ✚

"Your toughest task could be picking your challenger!"

GAME INFO

- **Format** Wii
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** Nintendo
- **Multiplayer** 1-4
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

Who would have thought a princess in a pink dress could be so tough? Here she is showing her man that she's not a girl to be messed around with. Go Peach!

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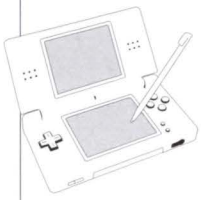
Kirby Super Star Ultra

The lovable pink blob returns to DS



Kirby may look like a pretty pink blob but underneath that cute exterior lies a true hero. He has the amazing ability to suck the powers out of his enemies and then use their skills himself.

Kirby Super Star Ultra throws up a selection of different Kirby games and one adventure featuring Kirby's old enemy King DeDeDe. He's stolen all the food in Dreamland and its up to Kirby to get it back. Another game follows Meta Knight – another of Kirby's rivals – in his quest to train for the ultimate battle. In Kirby's adventures you'll run and float along, eating enemies as you go. You can then spit them out as stars or swallow them to copy their abilities.

There are some quick mini-games such as a punching contest called Megaton Punch and Samurai Kirby, a game that has you taking on five opponents with your sword.

You can rope three friends in to play one of three multi-player mini-games which are controlled with the DS stylus. With so many fun adventures and mini-games this Kirby game is great value for money. ✚

"You'll run and float along, eating enemies as you go"

That's King Dedede in the middle. Kirby has been fighting against him in games ever since 1992.

Kirby's greatest skill is to copy the abilities of his opponents.

Kirby is possibly the cutest character Nintendo have ever created.

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** HAL Labs
- **Multiplayer** 1-4
- **Wi-Fi** No

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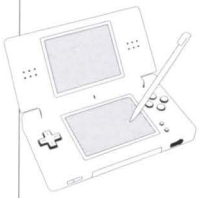
Cooking Guide: Can't Decide What To Eat?

Become a queen of the kitchen!



Whether you want to learn how to cook or would just like to discover some new recipes to try out, *Cooking Guide: Can't Decide What To Eat?* is an excellent kitchen companion.

It's an interactive cook book stuffed with over 200 recipes, plus loads of hints and tips that will help improve your culinary skills – so there is something here for beginners and keen cooks.

You can search for recipes by their country of origin. Unsurprisingly, there are loads from Italy!

From Japanese sushi to American chocolate brownies and the old UK favourite, shepherd's pie, there are recipes from all around the world and you can find your favourite easily by searching by country using the neat global map. You can also search for low-calorie dinners, quick recipes or even by ingredients, so if you find some leftovers in the kitchen you should be able to discover something tasty to make with them.

Once you've chosen your dish, *Cooking Guide* will lead you every step of the way, from writing out

> "An interactive cookery book stuffed with over 200 recipes"

The cooking instructions are clearly presented and very easy to follow.

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** Indies Zero
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No

The whole process is presented in a step-by-step format. It really couldn't be easier to use.

"The Cooking Guide chef will talk you through the recipes"

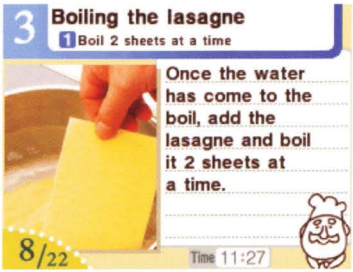
Mind your fingers! *Cooking Guide* helps out with the basics too, like how to properly prepare your veg.

your shopping list, through to the preparation, cooking and serving. Brilliantly, you can use the stylus to tick the ingredients you need to buy for your dish, save it and take your DS to the shops instead of a list. When you're back in the kitchen, the *Cooking Guide* chef will actually talk you through the recipe and there are even videos which show you how to chop an onion or clean a fish.

However, if you're an accomplished cook, there's a neat 'How To Make' instruction on some ingredients, so if you were preparing tacos, for example, and wanted to make your own tortillas, you can follow the instructions. Also, if you want to experiment, there are some nice hints for varying the recipes and you can add your own notes if you like.

As they say, the proof is in the pudding and those chocolate brownies are very tasty! In fact, all the recipes work well and are easy to follow. Bon appetit! ✚

You can keep a food diary to help you remember which recipes you've tried.



All of the recipes have videos or pictures to provide some extra help.

Mii Quiz

Which celebrities have we created?

We've created 10 celebrity Mii characters using the Nintendo Wii – from pop stars to movie stars – but can you spot who they are? You'll find the answers at the bottom of the page!

A Johnny Depp

B Paris Hilton

C Rihanna

D Simon Cowell

E Michael Jackson

F Britney Spears

G Tobey Maguire

H Tom Cruise

I Beyonce

J Angelina Jolie

ANSWERS: 1I, 2J, 3E, 4F, 5A, 6B, 7C, 8D, 9G, 10H

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Welcome to *Girl Gamer*

It's nearly Christmas so, this issue, we've featured some great Wii and DS games that we think you girls will love playing over the festive period and beyond!

You'll spot some famous faces in the mag as we take a look at *Celebrity Sports Showdown*, a new sports game starring Avril Lavigne and Fergie. There's also *Boogie Superstar*, a music game that has you singing along with Rihanna! You'll also recognise Hello Kitty who stars in her own DS game called *Big City Life* and you could win a copy of the game with a DS Lite console in our great compo.

Elsewhere we'll be telling you all about *MySims Kingdom*, *Zubo*, *Spore Creatures*, *Ellen Whitaker's Horse Life*, *Baby Life* and more fun games available this winter. And if you're stuck for something to buy for your family, why not check out our Christmas shopping guide?

Enjoy the issue and have a great Christmas!

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Introducing... Wii And DS

Your guide to Nintendo's brilliant consoles

With Wii and DS, Nintendo has helped make games fun for everyone. These two innovative consoles have helped more people get into games than ever before yet they're completely different machines. Here are just some of the fun things you can do with both consoles.

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1. Remote Control

Before Wii came along, you'd play games with a traditional joypad but the Wii's wireless Remote makes games far more enjoyable as you can wave the controller around as if it were a sword, tennis racquet or baseball bat. You can also point it to shoot things and twist it as if it were a steering wheel. It connects with the Nunchuk, another motion–sensor device, for games that require you to use both controllers.

"The Remote makes games more fun"

2. Make Your Own Character

Go into the Mii Channel and you can create your own character who looks just like you! You can choose your body shape and then mess around with your hair, facial features and clothes. You can even play as your character in games like *Wii Fit* and *Wii Sports*.

3. Go Online

If you have got a wireless internet connection you have to go online with your Wii. You can surf the internet, send messages to your friends and even download retro and brand-new games in the Wii Shop channel. You can also play games online such as *Mario Kart Wii* and *Super Smash Bros. Brawl*.

You can move characters around by touching the screen with the DS stylus.

DS

1. Touch Control

What makes DS special is the touch screen that lets you play games by touching different parts of the screen with the DS stylus. You can rub the Stylus on the screen to stroke your dog in *Nintendogs*, tap it in time with the music in *Elite Beat Agents* or scribble your answers in *Brain Training*. There are so many ways of playing games with the touch screen.

2. Play Online

Like the Wii, the DS has Wi-Fi capabilities meaning that you can play games like *Mario Kart DS* and *Pokémon Diamond/Pearl* with friends online. Brilliantly, you can also use it to play your game against a friend by beaming a copy of your game to their DS Lite so you compete with one cartridge. You can also send funny messages and pictures to each other using the Pictochat feature.

3. Top Screen

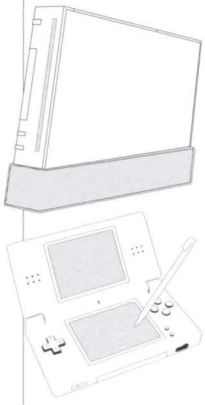
Unlike other handheld gaming consoles, the DS has two screens making your gaming experience twice as much fun. Some games like *Sonic Rush Adventure* feature action on both screens while others such as *Pokémon Diamond/Pearl* show a map of the area on the top screen. You might also notice that there's a microphone in between the screens which you can speak into to give answers in *Brain Training* or blow into to solve puzzles in games like *LEGO Indiana Jones*. ✚

"What makes the DS special is the touch screen and the stylus"

OUT NOW

MySims Kingdom

Help King Roland rebuild his kingdom



***MySims* is back on Wii and DS and this time you'll have to help King Roland** make his kingdom a nice place to live in. Yet while both versions of the game share some of the same characters, they are a bit different.

The Wii version is a wonderfully enchanting adventure that sees you hopping between several beautiful islands as the King's new wandolier. A wandolier is someone who travels around sorting out all the problems facing the kingdom's locals. And what a lot of problems there are. You'll have to rebuild Dr F's science lab in Rocket Reef, catch a horseshoe thief in Cowboy Junction and collect scattered invitations in the kingdom's capital.

If you played the original *MySims* game you'll recognise some of the characters here. There's Chef Gino who you needs your help to make perfect pizzas while Buddy returns as one of your friends who follows you around. You'll also get to meet some new characters such as the hilarious robot TOBOR who wants you to build a diner for him.

Dr F appears as a crazy scientist in both versions of the game. He's a pretty funny guy to chat to.

Compliment or entertain the princess and she'll help you out with your task.

Once again, building will play a big part in the game and in addition to designing your own houses, you can now build bridges and you'll need to connect pipes and gears to solve various puzzles. It looks brilliant and with so many great characters to meet, this is a kingdom you'll want to visit time and again.

The DS version is a bit different as you wake up one morning to find that the kingdom has been destroyed and it's up to you to

GAME INFO

- **Format** Wii, DS
- **Publisher** EA
- **Developer** EA
- **Multiplayer** 1-2 (DS)
- **Wi-Fi** Yes (DS)

You can visit other people's homes in the kingdom. They usually want you to do a task for them.

You can create your own character and dress them up in cool costumes.

return it to its former glory. By building new homes you will encourage people to return to the kingdom but to earn the blueprints for buildings and money for furniture you'll have to complete mini-games which have you racing a kayak, playing tennis and blasting ghosts with the stylus.

You can also pass the time by going fishing, shopping or running errands for the characters you'll meet as you explore the kingdom.

Collect essences using Dr F's essence gun. You can mix these to create fences, fountains and more.

You can build and try out all sorts of contraptions in the Wii version of the game.

"MySims is a wonderfully enchanting adventure"

Both versions of *MySims Kingdom* are so good it's difficult to choose between them! ✚

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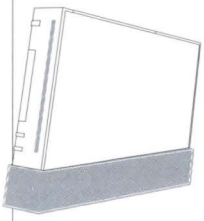
Boogie Superstar

It's time to get your groove on!



If you've ever fancied being a pop princess, then *Boogie Superstar* is the game for you! It lets you customise your own dancing diva and take to the dancefloor so you can boogie the night away!

The game's got around 40 different songs that were made famous by the likes of Rihanna, Natasha Bedingfield and Britney Spears. After choosing your song you're taken to the stage where you have to use your Wii Remote and Nunchuk to copy the motions shown on the screen. Do it correctly and your character will break out some awesome dance steps.

"Sing songs made famous by Britney and Rihanna!"

If dancing is not your thing then you can try singing instead. Plug the game's microphone into your Wii and you can sing along to the songs in the game. You can even team up with a friend to sing or dance together to see who's best.

Whether you like to sing your heart out or bust some moves on the dancefloor, *Boogie Superstar* will bring out the pop diva in you! ✚

The game comes with a microphone so you can pretend to be a pop star!

GAME INFO

- **Format** Wii
- **Publisher** EA
- **Developer** EA
- **Multiplayer** 1-4
- **Wi-Fi** No

You'll need to sing, dance and dress like a pop star to make it to the top.

You can also compete with a friend to see who is the best dancer or singer!

OUT NOW

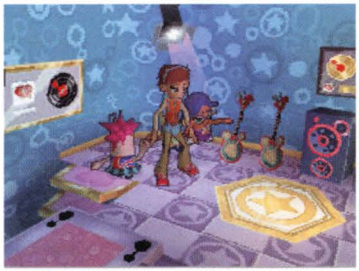
Zubo

They're cute, but pack a punch!

Is this the time to dance? There are evil Zombos on the loose right now!

The world of Zubalon needs help, and only you can save the day! In *Zubo*, you play a girl (or boy, if you want) who lands in Zubalon and meets the stars of the game, the Zubos. You soon find out that the evil Big Head and his Zombos (evil Zubo clones) are taking over Zubalon. You need to put a stop to them right away!

"Zubo looks colourful and you'll be playing for hours"



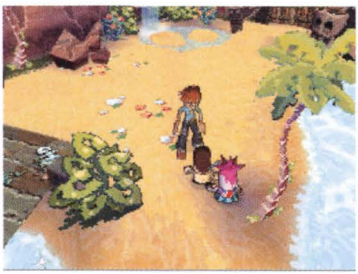
Each land contains Zubos that you won't find anywhere else.

The game's main aim is to travel throughout Zubalon and befriend any Zubos you see (usually by helping them in some way) so that they'll join you on your quest. There are ten different lands in Zubalon, each with its own unique look and Zubo characters living there.

Each of the Zubos you meet (there are 55 in total) have their own personality and, more importantly, their own set of battle moves. You can have up to three Zubos in your team at any time and they will help you fight if you encounter any Zombos. The game has over 100 different battle moves, all of which have really funny animations that will make you chuckle as you play.

Zubo looks bright colourful and you'll be playing it for hours. The main characters are really cute, too! +

You'll have to do something for a Zubo before they'll become your friend.



You can swap the Zubos in your party so you have different combinations.

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** EA
- **Developer** EA Bright Light
- **Multiplayer** 1-2
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

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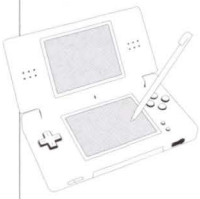
Spore Creatures

Make your own hero in this adventure!

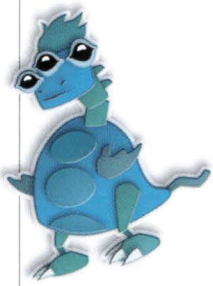


There are loads of fun adventure games on the DS, but *Spore Creatures* is pretty special because not only do you control a little creature, you get to choose exactly what it looks like!

You play as a small creature called an oogie. One of your oogie friends is kidnapped by a UFO so it's up to you to get through 12 wonderful levels, helping your oogie evolve.

> "One of your friends has been kidnapped by a UFO"

You'll meet loads of creatures as you explore each of the game's 12 levels.



You'll begin as a small oogie who looks a bit like a slug. He'll soon evolve into a big beast though.

You do this by collecting body parts and attaching them to your oogie. Each body part lets your oogie do different things. If it gets teeth it can bite other creatures when attacked, if it gets nicer eyes it can make friends easily and it can defend itself with stronger arms and legs.

The fun part is collecting these different body parts (by befriending and helping other creatures), then using the Creature Creator mode to place them on your oogie however you like with the stylus. +

This is the Creature Creator which lets you place your animal's features.

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** EA
- **Developer** Maxis
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

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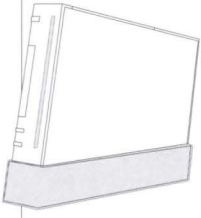
Celebrity Sports Showdown

Join Fergie and Avril in a sports party!



If there's one thing we love about the Wii, it's that it lets up to four people play some awesome party games together. Well, it looks like a load of celebrities want to get in on the action in a new game called *Celebrity Sports Showdown*.

It features ten different celebrities: five from the world of sports and five from the world of music. If you're a sports fan you'll enjoy playing as the likes of famous boxer Sugar Ray Leonard and top basketball player Paul Pierce. If you prefer music though, you can choose to play as Fergie, Avril Lavigne, Nelly Furtado, Leann Rimes or Keith Urban.

> "Play as Fergie, Avril Lavigne or Keith Urban"

There are 12 sports to choose from, each with unique Wii Remote controls. If you're in the mood for a race, you can try to be the first through a dangerous river in Wild Water Canoeing, take part in a ski race in Slalom Showdown or ride horses in Hurdle Derby. Yet it's not all about racing as you compete to score the most points in sports such as Beach Volleyball, Smash Badminton and Curling.

Celebrity Sports Showdown is a fun sports game and when four people are taking part it's a great laugh! ✚

Keith Urban races down the ski slopes in Slalom Showdown.

GAME INFO

- **Format** Wii
- **Publisher** EA
- **Developer** EA
- **Multiplayer** 1-4
- **Wi-Fi** No

Nelly Furtado and Fergie take a break from singing to play dodgeball.

Kristi Yamaguchi is an ice skater but she's playing badminton here.

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Hello Kitty: Big City Dreams

Help Kitty live the Big City high life!

Leaving her beloved Sanrio Town behind her, Hello Kitty is on the move, following her dreams and heading for the Big City. It's an exciting time for her as she's leaving behind most of her old friends in her home town and starting a brand new life!

"It's your job to help Hello Kitty realise her dream"

She's new to the city, so she begins by settling into a simple yet cosy downtown apartment. But she's got her eye on bigger things – like the super-deluxe penthouse apartment on the very top floor of her building!

In *Hello Kitty: Big City Dreams* (www.hellokittybigcity.com) it's your job to help Kitty realise her dream. There are two ways you can play the game. In Exploration mode you can take Kitty around her new apartment before going out into the city, stopping to chat with people she meets on the way and interacting with items she comes across.

Mini-game mode has you playing through a series of short games so you can earn Kitty all-important Friendship Points to spend on making her apartment look fabulous. She can also spend them

You can chat to other Sanrio friends as you explore the Big City streets.

Batz-Maru the penguin has also made the journey from Sanrio Town to the Big City.

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Empire
- **Developer** Empire
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No

The top floor of the apartment complex is called the penthouse and it's Kitty's dream home.

The apartment complex has five floors and the flats get bigger and bigger as you move upwards.

on new costumes, room themes and even train and bus rides so she can travel around the Big City easily.

There are new friends to make, but she won't be without some of her old Sanrio mates, like Badtz-Maru, Pochacoo and My Melody. The mini-games will have you helping out all of Kitty's friends in some way. When My Melody suffers a wardrobe malfunction, who should be on hand to lend fashion advice? That's right, Kitty. And when her friend Tuxedosam is in a spin at Restaurant Rush, Kitty will be there to dazzle customers and calm things down.

Of course, after being such a great friend all day, Kitty will need to unwind with the cute Dear Daniel, with a night out at Destination: Dance. Soon enough she'll be on her way to her dream penthouse apartment – and you'll be having loads of fun on the way! +

That's Kerropi the frog with Kitty. You have to beat his Arcade Hero score in this mini-game.

"Earn Kitty Friendship Points to help make her apartment fabulous!"

www.hellokittybigcity.com

Win! A DS Lite and Hello Kitty Big City Dreams

H*ello Kitty: Big City Dreams* is the adventure that follows the cutest kitten in the world as she leaves home and attempts to fulfil her dreams in the Big City. You can help make sure she succeeds if you win this fabulous competition.

We've got five copies of *Hello Kitty: Big City Dreams* (www.hellokittybigcity.com) to give away and Nintendo DS Lites for every winner. To stand a chance of winning, you just have to answer the following question.

Which of these is Kitty's friend?

a) Pochacoo
b) Pikachu
c) Pocahontas

Once you know the answer, text KITTY (then a space) and then the letter of your answer followed by your full name and address to 87474; so if you think it's B, your entry should read 'KITTY B (name and address)'. Each text costs 50p plus standard network charges.

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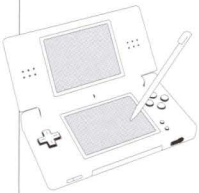
Ellen Whitaker's Horse Life

Saddle up for a global adventure!



Ellen Whitaker is a famous British show jumper, a young star set for big things in the future. She used to ride a horse called AK Locarno, which was bought for nearly £800,000 – making him the most expensive horse ever imported into the country at the time!

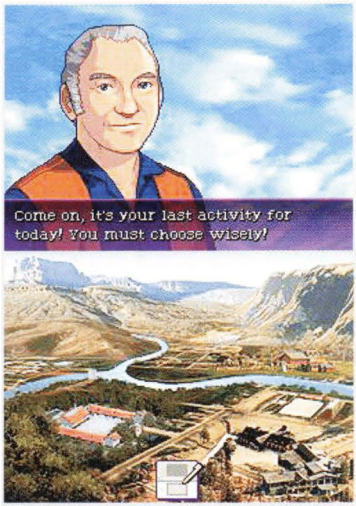
Now she's the star of a game called *Ellen Whitaker's Horse Life* where, like Ellen, you'll aim to become the best horse rider around.

> "Be the best and most stylish horse rider around"

It's a quest that will take you all around the world as you take part in three kinds of competition: jump, cross and the tricky dressage. As you travel around the globe you'll build up a close relationship with your trusty horse (there are seven breeds for you to choose from).

As you hop between continents, you'll find a different adventure waiting for you – each with its own exciting story. Wherever you are there is a mix of competitions to enter and special goals to complete. When you successfully complete these you'll be rewarded with brand new horses and all the accessories you require to be the best and most stylish horse rider around.

Ellen Whitaker's Horse Life is something you can play over and again – the more you play it, the closer you and your horses become. It's an almost endless game! ✚



Events are held all over the world – there are loads of places to explore and interesting people to meet.

The horses look absolutely fantastic in the game. They're so life-like!

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Deep Silver
- **Developer** Game Life
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

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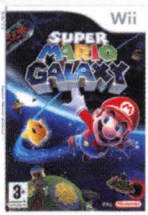
An Infinite Adventure in Space



Mario leaps into space, exploring a myriad of galaxies on his new 3D adventure made possible only with the Wii Remote. You'll explore the universe, use gravity-defying jumps and don special suits in this epic quest to save the princess. Share the Mario experience with a friend, using the imaginative Costar Mode. The Costar uses the Wii Remote to hold back enemies and help Mario reach the stars! It's a universal truth: Mario is back, and he's better than ever.

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Baby Life

Be the perfect parent to this cute new-born!

It must be tough being a mum sometimes, especially to a new-born baby. All that crying and dirty nappy-changing! But it must be really rewarding, and imagine being able to do all the good bits without being woken up at four in the morning – that's just what *Baby Life*, a new game for Nintendo's DS, lets you do.

As a new parent, it is your job to help a nine-month-old baby grow into a bubbly, bouncing toddler but first you have to create your baby! You'll get to choose exactly how your baby will look and move and, once you've finished, you'll have a living, breathing baby.

"Help your baby grow into a bubbly, bouncing toddler"

You'll teach your baby to crawl and walk and speak. It'll also smile, giggle and cry when it needs something. It's hard work but it's all worth it when your baby takes its first steps.

There are over 100 items of clothing for you to dress your baby in and these can be swapped with your friends so you can fill in the gaps in your wardrobe. You'll even have to prove your skills with up to four babies to look after. Good luck – you'll need it! ✚

You'll have to baby-sit for four children at one stage and make sure they're all happy. Not easy...

Dressing your kid in cool clothes is one of the best bits of parenthood.

Give your child some fun toys to play with like this big dinosaur!

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Deep Silver
- **Developer** Game Life
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

The Greatest Xmas Shopping List

Make sure your family have a great gaming Christmas

It's not just your little brother playing games these days. Thanks to Wii and DS, gaming is now a family experience and if you're stuck for a present to buy this Christmas you could do a lot worse than buying a great game that everyone will enjoy. So here's our guide to what presents you should buy to make it a perfect Christmas that everyone will remember.

Your Dad

Wii Fit

Is your Dad out of shape? Does he look like he could do with losing the old beer belly? You can help him get back into shape with *Wii Fit*. By giving him a selection of muscle, aerobic and yoga exercises to try out on the Wii Balance Board, it will actually help him to get fit and lose weight. That's providing he doesn't eat too many mince pies of course.

Your Sister

Nintendogs

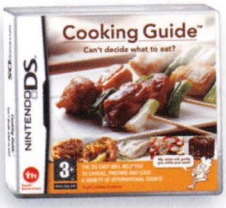
They say a dog is not for Christmas but there's no reason why you can't give your sister a Nintendog as a present! What's more, she'll grow to love her Nintendog like a real pet as she names her puppy before feeding him, taking him for walks and teaching him new tricks which can be used in dog contests. You can even pat your dog with the DS stylus. She will want to play with it every day and, if she's nice, she might even let you have a go!

"They say a dog is not for Christmas but you can give your sister a Nintendog!"

Your Mum

Cooking Guide: Can't Decide What To Eat?

Rather than buying the latest Gordon Ramsay cookbook, you could treat your Mum to *Cooking Guide*. The interactive cook book will teach her how to cook 245 recipes from around the world and it even contains a shopping list feature so she will be able to take her DS to the supermarket. You'll also get to sample some of the tasty dishes which is an added bonus.



Your Brother

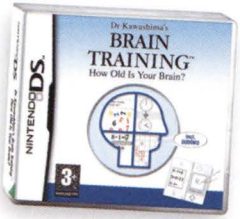
Super Mario Galaxy

Boys can always be difficult to buy for but most of them like games and if your brother is into Nintendo, there's no better game than *Super Mario Galaxy*. The plumber's latest planet-hopping adventure is absolutely stunning and with 241 stars to collect, he'll be playing it all through Christmas. That'll shut him up for a bit!

Your Grandma

Dr Kawashima's Brain Training

If your Grandma is one of those people who likes doing quizzes, she'll enjoy the mind games in *Dr Kawashima's Brain Training*. This game was developed to keep elderly people's brain's sharp and with memory games, mathematics challenges and sudoku puzzles, it'll do the job brilliantly. She'll love it even more when she gets her brain age right down to 20!



"If your brother likes Nintendo, there's no better game than *Mario Galaxy*"

Your Grandad

42 All-Time Classics

Give your Grandad *42 All-Time Classics* and he may never ask you to play endless games of dominoes ever again! He'll be too busy playing backgammon, darts, chess, poker and 38 other classic old games that make up this brilliant compilation. It does feature a multiplayer mode for up to eight players so he may rope you in for a few games but they're great fun to play with the stylus on DS.

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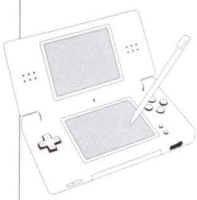
Pokémon Ranger: Shadows Of Almia

You'll be going around in circles!

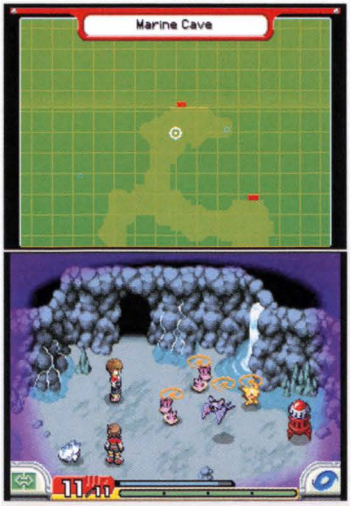


Pokémon is famous for the tagline 'Gotta Catch 'Em All' Well, in *Pokémon Ranger* games you have to try and catch 'em with the DS Stylus.

What makes *Ranger* games different from the other games in the series is the Capture Styler you are given to catch Pokémon. It is controlled by the DS stylus and when you see a Pokémon you want to catch, you have to draw circles around it on the touch screen.

Yet capturing Pokémon isn't the only duty you'll have to perform in your role as a Pokémon Ranger. You'll also have to protect nature, rescue people and help Pokémon in a new area called the Almia Region. You choose to play as a boy or girl as you start out as a Student Ranger, but before long you'll earn the title of a fully–fledged Pokémon Ranger. As you succeed in missions, you'll rise through the ranks until you become a Top Ranger.

You'll have various Pokémon to help you out as you take on missions There are hundreds of Pokémon in the game and they have different abilities which you can use once you've captured them. When you land a wild Pokémon, it will follow you around until you take advantage of their powers either by using a Poké Assist or a Field Move.

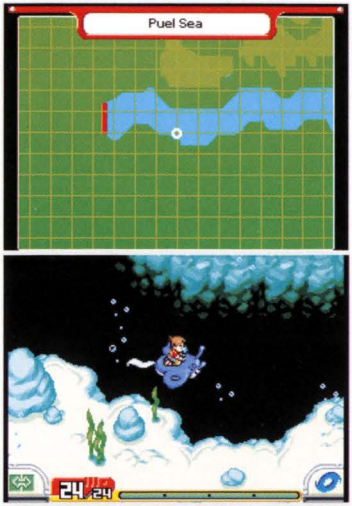


You can see a map of the area on the top screen while the action takes place on the Touch Screen.

Each time you complete a quest you'll get closer to becoming a Top Ranger.

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** Creatures
- **Multiplayer** 1
- **Wi-Fi** Yes



Pokémon skills, like surf, allow you to reach new areas just like in all the other *Pokémon* games.

Draw circles around the Pokémon to capture it. Up top, you can see the time you have to catch it.

This is the boy you can play as in the game.

You can use a Poké Assist to help you catch another wild Pokémon and a Field Move to clear an obstacle. As you complete such tasks, the Ranger Union will award you with new upgrades and functions for your Capture Styler.

Shadows Of Almia is the second *Pokémon Ranger* game and although it follows the same idea as the first game, the world you are playing in is far bigger as you explore oceans, forests, deserts and more. Also, unlike the last *Pokémon Ranger* game, this one features Pokémon from *Pokémon Diamond/ Pearl*, another brilliant *Pokémon* game that's out now on DS.

Munchlax sleeps a lot and eats anything in sight. This Pokémon doesn't sound like the perfect partner!

"There are hundreds of Pokémon in the game and they all have different abilities"

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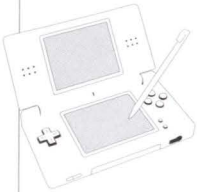
Professor Layton And The Curious Village

Can you solve the mystery of the golden egg?



Professor Layton is a puzzle expert who has been invited to a strange village called St Mystere by the family of Baron Augustus Reinhold. The Baron has passed away and in his will, promised his fortune to the person who could find the Golden Apple hidden somewhere in the village. Yet no one has a clue where to find it and the family needs Layton's help.

"It all adds up to one of the best DS games of the year"

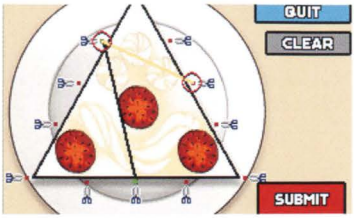
Professor Layton brings along his apprentice Luke for what soon becomes a murder mystery when another member of the Reinhold family is found dead. So how do you solve these mysteries? By solving puzzles, of course. If you've played *Brain Training* then you'll love this as it throws over 130 mind-bending puzzles at you as you explore the amazing village of St Mystere. Layton will test his apprentice by giving him puzzles to solve while others will be presented to you by the weird and wonderful locals you meet as you explore the village.

There are loads of memorable characters to meet in St Mystere and some of the puzzles you'll be asked to solve are very taxing on the old brain. They range from mazes and riddles to logic tests and sliding puzzles which are especially difficult. Yet as you play, you'll find yourself getting better at the puzzles as you start thinking more logically. This is a game that really is good for your brain and it's a lot of fun too.

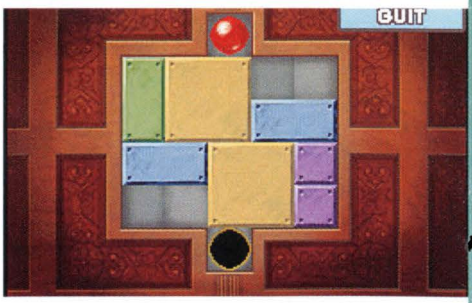
You solve the puzzles by inputting the answers with the stylus and, for ones which require some maths

GAME INFO

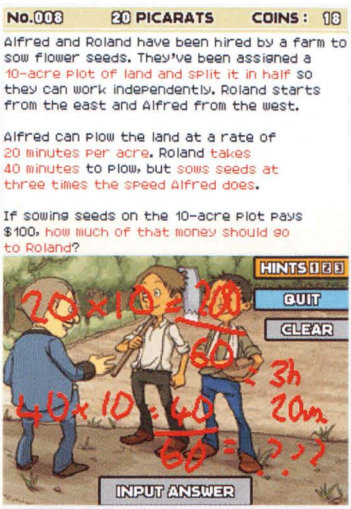
- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** Level-5
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** Yes



For this tricky puzzle, you have cut a slice of cake in a certain way.



In one of the easier sliding puzzles you have to get the ball into the hole.



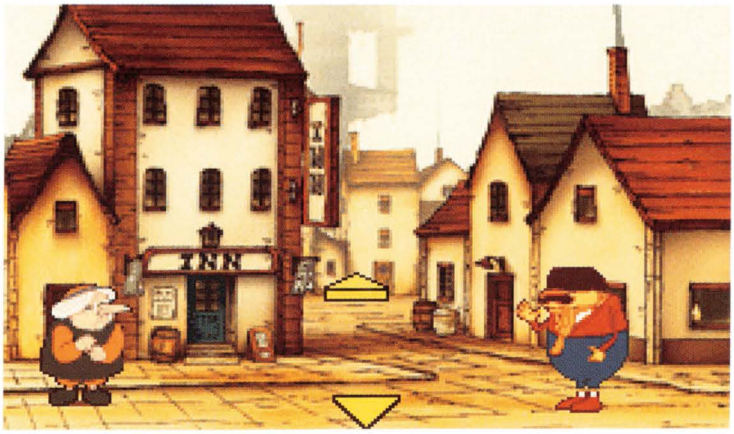
Trying to work out some puzzles in your head can be hard so it's a good idea to take notes with the stylus.

You have to tap a character with the stylus to have a conversation.

skills, you can work out the solution by drawing notes on the touch screen. When you get the answer right some of the locals will give you gizmos and bits of a painting that needs to be put together. And, if you're really stuck you can find hint coins around the village which you can use for clues to the solutions.

Yet what makes this adventure special is the story. You'll want to pass all the puzzles to drive the story on as you explore St Mystere and get closer to solving the multiple mysteries in the game.

Professor Layton And The Curious Village is one of the best new DS games around this Christmas. +



Prod the arrows with the stylus to move Luke and Professor layton around the streets of St Mystere.

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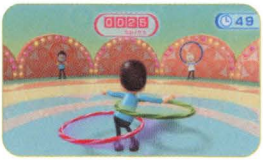
Wii Fit



Aerobic Exercises

Wii Fit: Fitness and Fun for Everyone!

Wii Fit is a fun way to stay in shape that the whole family can enjoy. Feel the burn with aerobic exercises like Jogging and Step Basic, and experience more than 40 other training activities.

Wii Fit and the included Wii Balance Board work together with the Wii console to bring a fun fitness regime into your living room! Set goals, learn expert techniques and track the progress of yourself and others.

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DS Favourites

Dolphin, ice-skating and fashion fun!

FASHION DESIGNER

Starting out at fashion training school, your aim is to design clothes for the catwalk before opening your own boutique!

MY PET DOLPHIN 2

You get to look after your very own dolphin in this game. You can race and explore the ocean, searching for treasure.

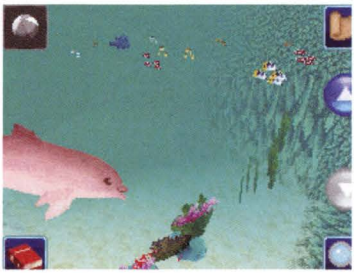
PRINCESS ON ICE

Help four ice dancers reach stardom by preparing them for a big show. Make them dance with the DS stylus.

Here are three exciting games for you from 505 Games. *My Pet Dolphin 2, Princess On Ice* and *Fashion Designer: Style Icon* are all out now on Nintendo DS and you'll love them.

In *My Pet Dolphin 2* you make friends with your very own dolphin. Take care of it as a baby in an open sea and then explore the ocean looking for secret locations and treasure! Using the pen-shaped stylus you'll draw shapes on the touch screen which the dolphin will mimic as it swims around the sea. There are also mini-games to complete like sea racing and deep-sea diving which will keep you playing for hours!

Princess On Ice is a bit like TV's *Dancing On Ice*, only this time YOU are the star of the show as you help four budding young ice dancers get ready for the glamorous Princess On Ice competition. Different shapes appear on the bottom screen and you tap them with the stylus to make your dancer perform. But if you miss a shape, your dancer will fall over in front of the judges.



***My Pet Dolphin 2* has you racing, deep-sea diving and exploring.**

You'll love the costumes in *Princess On Ice*, but you can go one step further in *Fashion Designer: Style Icon* where you play as a young designer and follow their career from fashion training school. In Career mode you'll have to create clothes with the stylus for catwalk models while you can let your imagination run wild as you make your own garments in Free mode and challenge friends in fun design-offs. ✚

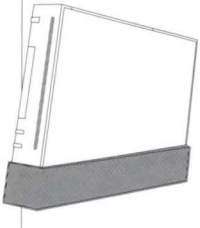
You can create clothes from different fabrics in *Fashion Designer: Style Icon*.

Tap different shapes with the DS stylus to dance in *Princess On Ice*.

OUT NOVEMBER

Wii Music

Form a band with your friends!



Nintendo has made you play sports, keep fit and now its new *Wii* game wants you to have fun playing tunes with more than 60 different instruments.

There are already two music games on Wii in *Guitar Hero* and *Rock Band* but while the aim in those games is to get high scores, *Wii Music* is all about having fun with your friends rather than showing off your prowess on the guitar.

"Wii Music is all about having fun with friends"

First off, a character called Tute teaches you the basics. He tells you how to strum the various guitars, play the classical string instruments and tinker on the piano with the Remote and Nunchuk. It's all very simple to pick up and play.

To play the guitar you hold the Nunchuk as if it were the guitar's neck and strum with the Remote. When playing the violin, the Remote becomes your bow as you move it backwards and forwards to play a tune. If you are playing the trumpet you hold the Remote up to your mouth and press the 1 and 2 buttons to play a song. All the instruments work as you'd imagine. The drums are also cool as you can use the Balance Board that you get with *Wii Fit* as your drum pedals.

Once you've got the hang of the instruments you can start playing a tune. There are plenty of songs in the game ranging from pop to rock and classical and you'll begin by playing *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* on the piano, tapping out the melody in time with the notes as they move across the screen.

Then it becomes even more enjoyable when you start playing with a band and choosing to play the

As well as playing regular instruments you can put a dog suit on and bark!

There are plenty of songs and different locations to unlock as you play.

As in *Wii Sports* and *Wii Fit*, you can play as your Mii characters.

GAME INFO

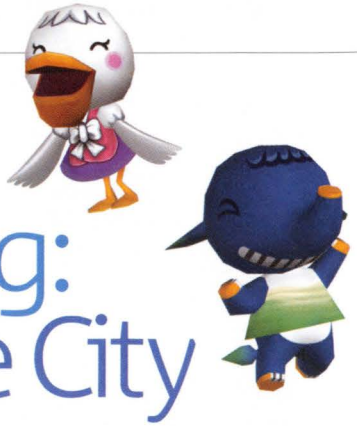
- **Format** Wii
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** Nintendo
- **Multiplayer** 1-4
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

melody, chords, bass or vocals. You can get your friends involved here with four players choosing an instrument and playing along with a tune, improvising as you go to make the song your own. You can play in different arenas and once you've played the song you can save it as a video, watch it back and even design a record cover to go with it.

You can also compete in some mini-games and one of our favourites has you ringing coloured bells with the Remote and Nunchuk. *Wii Music* is unlike anything else and you'll have lots of fun playing it. ✚

You can completely alter the sound of a famous pop song by choosing to play it with different instruments.

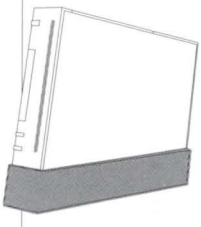
Watching your video back can be really funny, especially when people mess up the tune!



OUT DECEMBER

Animal Crossing: Let's Go To The City

Do whatever you please in a city brimming with excitement!



A*nimal Crossing* games are living, breathing worlds where time passes just like it does in real life. The aim of the game is simply to have a great time. They've always been set in cute little towns and villages before. Now *Animal Crossing* is coming to Wii and this time you can head for the bright lights of the big city to have even more fun!

"Head for the big city to have even more fun!"

Perhaps the best thing about *Animal Crossing: Let's Go To The City* is the brand new Wii Speak feature which lets you talk to other players in the game just like you'd talk to your friends on the phone. A special device sits on top of your TV and lets you and anyone in the room talk to players in totally different locations. You and your friends don't even need to be in the same place to chat in the game!

As in *Animal Crossing: Wild World* you can take part in fishing contests.

As well as chatting, you can visit post offices in the city and send gifts and letters to your friends. Because time passes realistically in the game, when your friends next play the game they will find your surprise waiting for them – and you could have one or two yourself!

Starting out in your cosy home in your sleepy town, you can spend your time decorating your house, doing a spot of gardening or simply passing the time with the animals. But for a change of scene, head to the nearby big city, where you can take in the sights and sounds of buzzing shops and exciting shows. You could visit Gracie Grace, the exclusive department store, or spend

Events such as Christmas, Halloween and Easter are in the game.

GAME INFO

- **Format** Wii
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** Nintendo
- **Multiplayer** 1-4
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

There are loads of fossils to be found and donated to the museum for analysing. Try and collect them all!

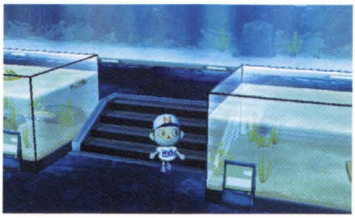
Brilliant! A balloon with a gift! Whip out your catapult and you might be able to shoot it down and grab it.

You can create your own star constellations in the night sky.

Get on the bus to go to the city.

some time pampering yourself in a fashionable salon.

If you ever played *Animal Crossing: Wild World* on the DS, you can take the character you created there and put it straight into *Let's Go To The City*. Plus, the DS can be used to transport your character to your friend's Wii so you can explore their world. The fun is limitless! ✚



When you catch fish you can sell them or give them to the aquarium.

DS i ♥ YOU

Introducing Nintendo's new dual-screen wonder

The DS Lite might be the biggest-selling console in the world, but it's not like Nintendo to stop there and as soon as a new machine is out the door, it starts working on the next big thing. And the next big thing is the DSi! It still plays all your DS games but this updated version of the world's best handheld also features a camera, a music player and will be on sale in Spring 2009. Take a look at what it can do below.

Viewtiful!

The DSi's screens are 17% larger than those on the DS Lite – 3.25 inches compared with 3 inches on the current model.

Speak Up

The new speakers look different and sound better which is handy because the DSi plays music files so you can listen to tunes on it.

Black Or White

This new DS comes in two colours – white or black – and has a matt finish so you won't smudge it with grubby fingerprints!

Camera Shy

The DSi has two cameras (external and internal) so you can take a picture of yourself when you're playing or snap your friends.

Card Sharp

You can slot an SD card in your DSi so you can store your photos, media files and downloadable DS games.

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A Nintendo DS Lite and game!

Welcome to *Girl Gamer*

Happy New Year! 2009 is going to be another brilliant year for Wii and DS and this issue of Girl Gamer is packed with fantastic games that us girls will love playing in the next 12 months. To start you off we'll be taking a special look at *Mind Your Language* and *SimAnimals* and our hot 2009 feature gives you the heads up on the 10 best gaming events this year. We've also got some DS Lites to give away. Not bad!

Clair

Clair Williams

Get Started!

Your guide to getting the most out of your Wii and DS

1. Taking Control
It's so easy to play games with the DS stylus. You can touch the screen to direct your heroes in games like *Legend Of Zelda: Phantom Hourglass* and *Animal Crossing*. You can also rub the screen to stroke your dog in *Nintendogs* or tap it to play mini-games in *WarioWare*.

2. Play Together
You can get so much more out of your DS games if you play them online. It's great fun racing against your friends online in *Mario Kart DS* or visiting your friend's town in *Animal Crossing*. You can even download extras for *Professor Layton*.

3. Shout It Out
There's a built-in microphone in the DS and you can use it to play some of the best games on the console. You can yell your answers into the microphone in *Brain Training*, call out to your puppies in *Nintendogs* or even blow into it to solve puzzles in *LEGO Indiana Jones*.

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Wii

1. Control Yourself

The first game you'll play on your Wii will be *Wii Sports*. It's perfect for getting you used to the Wii Remote as you swing it as if it were a tennis racquet, golf club or baseball bat and move your arm as if you were bowling a ball. The amazing thing is that it's all wireless and you only need to press the odd button. For the boxing game you'll need to attach the Nunchuk to the Remote. Then, once you've got used to playing with the controllers you'll be able to play loads of games easily.

> "You get much more out of your DS games if you play online"

2. Channel Surf

Your Wii has loads of different channels that you can have fun with. You can surf the internet, check the weather forecast, have a look at the latest news and, best of all, go shopping! In the Wii Shopping Channel you'll find over 100 old games that you can buy and download with your Wii Points and you can also purchase new games using the WiiWare service.

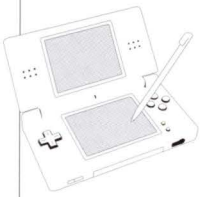
3. All About Mii

It's great fun creating characters for your whole family. You could spend hours messing around with facial features until you get the likenesses just right. Once you're ready, you can use your Mii in *Wii Sports* and in online races against your friends in *Mario Kart Wii*. ✚

OUT JANUARY

SimAnimals

Go wild in the forest!



Animal lovers will really get a kick out of *SimAnimals* as you can play with more than 60 animals in their natural habitats. While many games let you interact with one type of animal, here you'll meet deer, squirrels, hedgehogs, rabbits, owls and loads more as you go on an amazing journey through the forest.

SimAnimals is an all-new game from the makers of *The Sims*. *The Sims* is a classic PC and console life simulation series. The games are a bit like real life as once you've created a character, you meet other virtual people, form relationships, get a job, throw parties and do all the things normal people do. *SimAnimals*, though, is all about wild creatures rather than humans.

You won't actually control the animals but a giant animated hand that lets you reach out and touch the creatures. You can pick up and move anything in the game from animals such as foxes and bears, to trees and flowers. The idea is to create an environment that the animals will share and love. You will control the hand with the Wii Remote or the DS stylus, depending on what machine you are playing on.

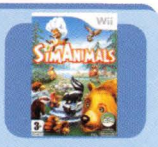
The bears seem to be getting on. You have to make sure it stays that way!

Just like in *The Sims*, the game is all about forming relationships. Treat the animals badly and they won't be happy but look after them and treat them well and they'll grow to love you. Of course, there are always those who will cause trouble and it is your goal to create harmony in the forest as mischievous creatures like foxes, raccoons, badgers, crows and bears arrive to stir up trouble.

You'll be handed challenges during your adventures and there will be goals to achieve as the animals will need your help to thrive. As you complete these challenges and reach your goals you'll discover secrets, unlock new forest areas and find unique objects and animals, some with special abilities.

Also, in the Wii version you'll be

There's a forest fire! This is just one of the challenges you'll have to deal with.

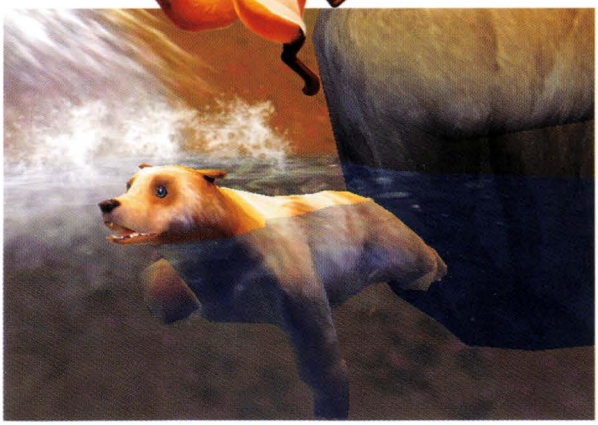


GAME INFO

- **Format** Wii, DS
- **Publisher** EA
- **Developer** EA
- **Multiplayer** 1-4 (Wii only)
- **Wi-Fi** No

This map shows you where your animals are.

"You'll meet deer, squirrels, hedgehogs, rabbits, owls and loads more on your journey!"



Bears can cause you a bit of trouble.

able to take three of your friends into the forest and have fun playing with the animals together. But whether you are playing on the Wii or DS, *SimAnimals* is yet another enjoyable addition to the classic *Sims* series. +

You can move ducks and rabbits around the map and you can even move the flowers with the stylus.

OUT FEBRUARY

Mind Your Language

Learn a new language on your DS!

Have you always wanted to learn a new language but don't know where to get started? Or maybe you're already learning French, Spanish or German in school but you think it could be a bit more exciting? Well, the DS isn't just for playing games, you can also use it to learn a different language!

The *Mind Your Language* games teach you how to speak a new language, starting from the basics and working your way up to an advanced level. It's not just for adults either: it's aimed at anyone from as young as eight years old.

The *Mind Your Language* series has been created with help from the Berlitz language school. Berlitz has been running for over 128 years and has 600 different schools in more than 60 countries, so it's safe to say that they know their stuff when it comes to teaching people foreign languages!

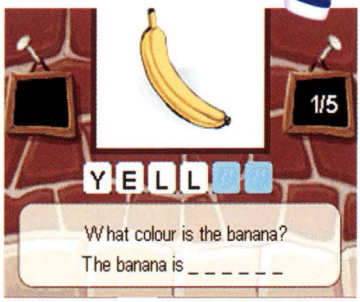
There are four different titles available, teaching French, German, Spanish and even Japanese. Each has four different levels of difficulty, meaning complete beginners can start with simple words and work their way up to more complicated phrases.

There are loads of mini-games designed to help you learn the words and a dictionary which lets you look up popular words and phrases to help you learn more.

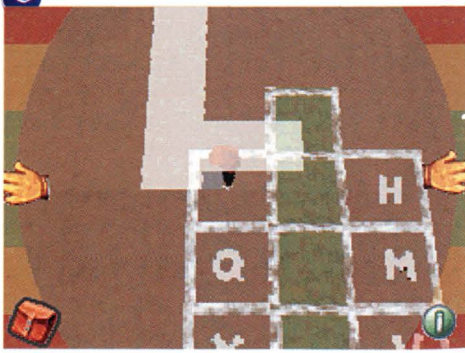
So if you fancy learning another language but think that more traditional ways are too boring then the *Mind Your Language* games present be a great way to learn! ✚

GAME INFO

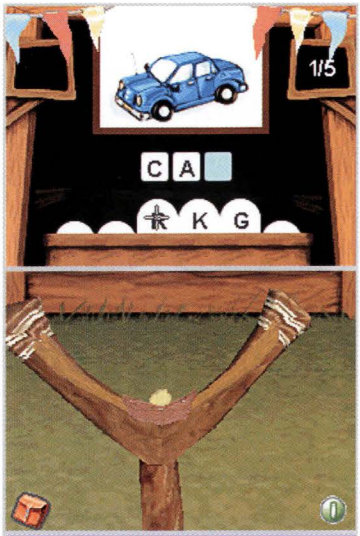
- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Virgin Play
- **Developer** Spiral House
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No



There is an English version for people who want to learn our language.

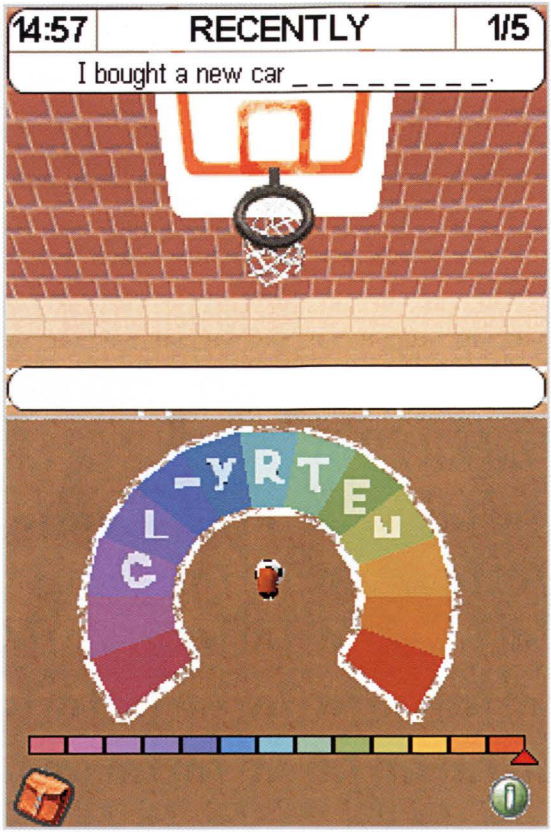


The mini-games are good fun. You can learn languages in playground games.

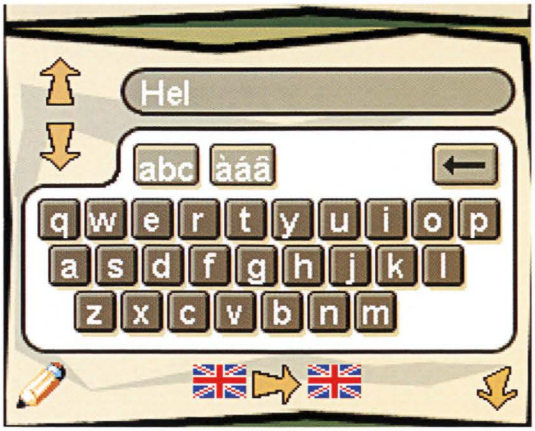


Mind Your Language gives you fun ways to learn new words in French, German, Spanish and Japanese.

"A great way to learn languages and have fun at the same time!"



Mind Your Language will teach you how to say simple phrases in different languages such as "I bought a new car".



Type the words you've learned on this touch screen keyboard.

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What's hot on DS and Wii this year

Nintendo's new DSi is the third update for the DS console.

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DSi

DSi

Nintendo's new slimline DSi handheld will be a big hit when it's released this Spring. It's like an enhanced version of your DS as it's got bigger screens, improved sound and some great new features. It has two cameras so you can take a picture of yourself when you're playing or photograph your friends. You can then store your snaps on a SD card which slots into the new DS. It also plays music so you can listen to your favourite songs too.

How hot: 🔥🔥🔥🔥🔥

Bowser is up on the top screen while the brothers work try and get past an obstacle at the bottom.

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NINTENDO DS

Mario & Luigi 3

The most famous brothers in gaming return in the follow-up to the brilliant *Mario & Luigi: Partners In Time*. *Partners In Time* is one of the funniest games on DS and fans will be hoping this role-playing game will be packed with more hilarious jokes.

The best thing about the *Mario & Luigi* games is the way the brothers work together with their children to solve problems. Yet this time Mario and Luigi won't be teaming up with their babies but with arch nemesis Bowser as they attempt to defeat evil. Considering the pair have so often fought against the evil Bowser it's going to be strange to see them working together!

How hot: 🔥🔥🔥🔥

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Wii

Ride a jet ski using the Wii Remote.

Wii Sports Resort

The follow up to *Wii Sports* will come packaged with the new Wii MotionPlus adaptor that will make your controller even more accurate when you swing it. *Nintendogs* fans will like the look of Disc Dog, the game which has you chucking frisbees for your dog to catch. There's also a jet-ski racing game and Sword Play, where you swing your Remote to knock over your opponent with your weapon.

How hot: 🔥🔥🔥🔥🔥

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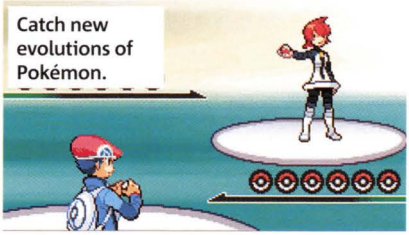

Catch new evolutions of Pokémon.

Pokémon Platinum

***Pokémon Platinum* is the companion to *Pokémon Diamond & Pearl* and features new evolutions of the Pokémon you've** caught before. It all takes place in the same region as *Diamond & Pearl* but this adventure features a new story and there are more characters to meet. Even better is the return of the Battle Frontier, a giant building for hosting tough challenges and battles. You'll also be able to record your battles and share them with friends!

How hot: 🔥🔥🔥🔥

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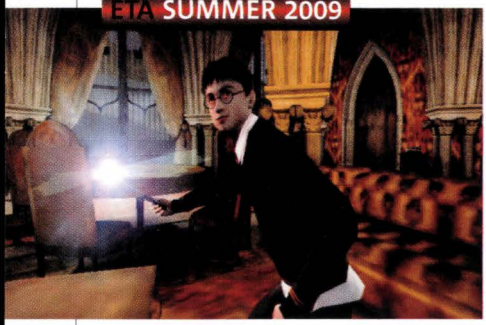

Wave your Wii Remote or draw shapes with your DS stylus to cast Harry's magic spells.

NINTENDO DS. Wii.

Harry Potter & The Half-Blood Prince

The new *Harry Potter* film is out this year and you know what that means! Yes, there will be all-new Wii and DS games to accompany the release of *Half-Blood Prince*. Both games will really make you feel like you're Harry Potter as you wave your Remote as if it were a wand in the Wii version and draw shapes with the stylus to cast spells on DS. Exploring all the famous Hogwarts locations will be great fun and you'll love playing with a friend in the Duel mode where you pick a character and shoot energy balls at each other. But the best news is that Quidditch is back in the Wii version so you'll be able to play the famous wizard sport.

How hot: 🔥🔥🔥🔥🔥

ETA SPRING 2009

Wii.

Little King's Story

***Little King's Story* is an enchanting adventure set in a fairytale world. Playing as a boy called Corobo, you stumble on a crown that enables you to charm any** person and make them follow orders. A bull-knight appears to tell you that you are now a king so, with the help of your townspeople, you have to turn your sleepy hamlet into a vast kingdom. This means you have to order them to dig for treasure and build big buildings while ensuring that everyone is happy.

How hot: 🔥🔥🔥🔥

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NINTENDO DS.

You can water your plants with your DS stylus in *Gardening Mama*.

Gardening Mama

We've already cooked with her in *Cooking Mama* and from next year you'll be able to follow Mama's lead in the garden as you grow pretty flowers and lovely fruits. Mama plans to turn an empty garden into a tranquil paradise so you'll be digging holes, planting seeds, mixing fertiliser and growing fruits, flowers and vegetables. As with *Cooking Mama*, each step will be broken down into a fun mini-game that you can play on the touch screen. Sounds great...

How hot: 🔥🔥🔥🔥

***Little King's Story* really is a lovely looking new adventure. We can't wait to play it.**

ETA SPRING 2009

NINTENDO DS

Capture Omega Eledees and use their special skills.

Eledees:
The Adventures Of Kai And Zero

***Eledees* came out for Wii in 2006. It featured little creatures called Eledees and you had to blast them with your Wii Remote to catch** them in a fun game of hide and seek. This DS version looks like an even better adventure. It begins when Kai and Zero are transported to a mystical realm. Once there, Kai and Zero will need to catch Eledees in order to get home. There are 64 magical creatures called Omega Eledees to catch and once you've found and befriended them, you can train them to use their unique magical abilities in battles. You can play the adventure with a friend or compete with four players in battles.

How hot: 🔥🔥🔥🔥

DECEMBER 2009

Wii

Christmas In Animal Crossing

***Animal Crossing: Let's Go To The City* was released at the beginning of December but the great thing about the new game is that** you'll be playing it all year. You play as a character living in a village populated by cute creatures. It's all in real-time and there are special events on certain days throughout the year. Turn on your game on Halloween, for example and you'll get to meet Jack O Lantern. However, Christmas is where it's at and in December 2009 it will be snowing and Jingle the Reindeer will turn up to wish you seasonal greetings. Brilliant!

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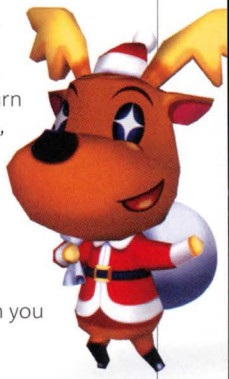

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Wii

We Cheer

Ever fancied being a cheerleader? Now you can give it a go on Wii, only instead of holding pom poms in your hands, you'll have to use two Wii Remotes. You'll have to move your controllers as if they were pom-poms to pull off a variety of high-energy spins, kicks and twists in professionally choreographed routines. There's even a special workout mode that helps you burn calories as you cheer and dance to songs by Hilary Duff and Paramore. It's fun and good for you!

How hot: 🔥🔥🔥🔥

Copy the dancer's movements with your Wii Remotes to become a top cheerleader.

Pokémon

Did you know that *Pokémon* celebrates its tenth birthday this year? That's right, the first *Pokémon* games – *Red* and *Blue* – were released for Game Boy back in 1999. They introduced us to 151 Pokémon, the cute creatures who you have to catch, train and take into battle. Ten years later and there are over 400 Pokémon to catch and the series is still going strong with eight *Pokémon* games on DS alone.

Pokémon has changed a bit since 1999 and the latest game in the series, *Pokémon Ranger: Shadows Of Almia* presents you with a new way to capture Pokémon with the DS stylus. When you spot a Pokémon you have to draw a circle around it to capture it for your party. Whether or not you successfully catch Pokémon will be determined by the strength of your Capture Styler and you might also need help from partner Pokémon. Of course, Once a Pokémon joins your ranks, you will be able to use its unique Field Move skills to overcome obstacles in your path before releasing it back into the wild. *Shadows Of Almia* is the second *Ranger* game on DS.

This is a classic battle scene in *Pokémon Diamond And Pearl*

Some of the Pokémon you'll catch in *Pokémon Ranger* have already

"There are over 400 Pokémon to catch in eight games on DS!"

Pokémon Diamond And Pearl

The main *Pokémon* adventure has evolved into a massive RPG with an incredible 493 monsters to catch.

Pokémon Ranger: Shadows Of Almia

The best of the two *Ranger* games on DS, this one takes place in a new region called Almia.

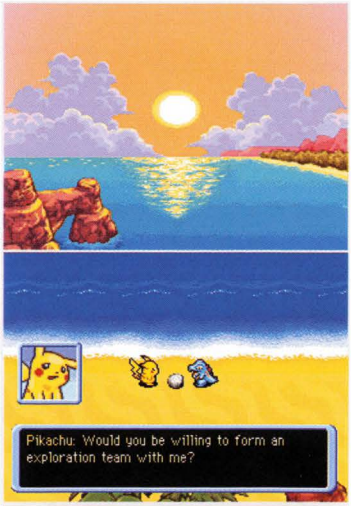
Shift rows across to match up the heads in *Pokémon Link*.

been in *Pokémon Diamond/Pearl*, the most important of the DS *Pokémon* range. This is the DS version of the classic role-playing series that started with *Red* and *Blue*. This time around there are 100 new Pokémon to catch and, for the very first time in the series, you can trade and battle with friends online.

Then there are the two *Pokémon Mystery Dungeon* games, *Explorers Of Time/Darkness* and *Blue Rescue Team*. These give you the chance to actually play as Pokémon who have to help other Pokémon in distress. You begin by taking a personality test which determines which Pokémon you play as before going down into the dungeons to complete missions.

There is more to *Pokémon* than adventures. You can also play a puzzle game called *Pokémon Link* and race your monsters against each other in *Pokémon Dash*. ✚

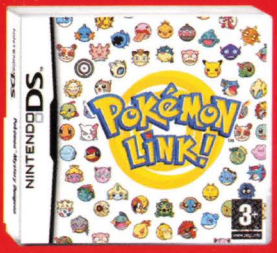
Draw circles around the Pokémon with the stylus to capture them in *Ranger*.



This is *Pokémon Mystery Dungeon: Explorers Of Time/Darkness*. You can actually play as Pikachu!

Pokemon Mystery Dungeon

A massive adventure – we love the way you can build your personal Pokémon team and explore dungeons.



Pokémon Link

This is an odd but addictive puzzle game that has you matching rows of Pokémon heads to make them disappear. Told you it was odd!

Win! A DS Lite and Professor Layton

***Professor Layton And The Curious Village* is one of the best DS games of 2008 and** we're giving you the chance to win a copy! We'll also throw in a brand-new DS Lite for you to play it on.

We've got five copies of the amazing puzzle game and five DS Lite consoles up for grabs and all you have to do is answer the question to stand a chance of winning. Luckily it's easier than one of Layton's own puzzles. Good luck girls!

Who is Professor Layton's apprentice?

A) Luke
B) Wayne
C) Gary

Once you know the answer, text LAYTON (then a space) and then the letter of your answer followed by your full name and address to 87474; so if you think the answer is B, your entry should read 'LAYTON B (name and address)'. Each text costs 50p plus standard network charges.

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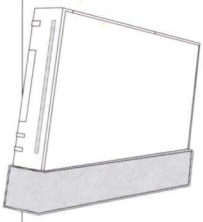
Pikmin

These little creatures need your help!



***Pikmin* was first released for the GameCube about eight years ago and was one of the** cutest, most charming games we'd ever played. Now Nintendo is re-releasing it with new Wii controls!

You play as Captain Olimar, a little astronaut who is having a well-deserved holiday by flying through space. His spaceship is hit by an asteroid though, and he crash-lands on a mysterious planet. There he encounters the Pikmin, a species of creatures that are nearly extinct and struggling to stay alive. He decides to get the PIkmin to help him find the 30 pieces of his crashed spaceship so he can fix it and fly off the planet before his oxygen supply runs out and he dies breathing the planet's toxic air.

There are three different types of Pikmin, each with their own strengths. Red ones can't be hurt by fire and are strong when attacking enemies. Blue ones can swim and save any other Pikmin who are drowning in puddles on the planet's surface. Yellow ones carry explosives that damage enemies.

Can you repair your spaceship in time, while teaching the Pikmin how to survive and fend for themselves? It'll be great fun finding out. ✚

"One of the cutest, most charming games ever!"

You will have to watch out for big enemies who prowl the planet.

GAME INFO

- **Format** Wii
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** Nintendo
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No

You will use your Wii Remote to direct your army of Pikmin around the planet.

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Petz

Care for a cute baby panda on DS!

Win!

A Nintendo DS Lite and game!

Welcome to *Girl Gamer*

This month I've been learning a new language, looking after a baby panda and dancing! Trying to fit all that in and do my *Wii Fit* aerobic exercises has been quite tough! It's been fun though and you can read about some of the great games I've been playing this issue as we take a special look at *Mind Your Language*, *Petz: My Baby Panda*, *The Chase* and two new *Diva Girls* games. See you next time!

Clair

Clair Williams

Let's Play!

Your essential guide to Wii and DS

DS

1. Double Fun
Unlike other handheld consoles, the DS has two screens and you can play most games with the stylus. The lower screen is touch sensitive, so you can rub it to stroke your dog in *Nintendogs*, scribble your answers in *Professor Layton* or draw platforms in *Kirby Power Paintbrush*. In some games the action takes place on just one screen while others use both.

2. Play With Friends
Some games are fun to play on your own but others are even better with friends. You can battle against your friends in *Pokémon Diamond/Pearl*, race against friends in *Mario Kart DS* and *Animal Crossing: Wild World* wouldn't be as enjoyable if you couldn't visit your friend's town.

3. Great Games
The great thing about the DS is that there's so many games aimed at people like us. You can look after cute animals in *Nintendogs*, go racing in *Mario Kart* or explore the ocean in *Legend Of Zelda: Phantom Hourglass*. Beyond that, even your Mum will enjoy *Brain Training* while everyone loves *Professor Layton*'s puzzles. Even Ronan Keating!

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Wii

1. Remote Control
The best thing about the Wii is that it's so simple to play games. You don't even need to press a button to play the tennis game in *Wii Sports* as you just swing the Remote as if it were a tennis racquet. Some games require you to attach the Nunchuk to your Remote while others (*Wii Fit*, *Rayman Raving Rabbids*) can be controlled by standing on the Balance Board and shifting your weight.

2. Get Active
The Wii is the only games console that gets you on your feet. Some of the games can even give you a good workout, the most obvious one being *Wii Fit*. However, the boxing game in *Wii Sports* is pretty tiring, as are the events in *Mario & Sonic At The Olympic Games*. So not only is playing on your Wii a lot of fun but it can actually be really good for you at the same time!

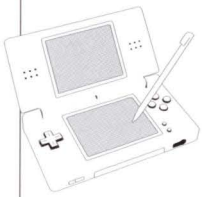
3. It's All Mii, Mii, Mii
Before you've even played a game you'll spend some time creating characters for your friends and family. You could spend hours messing around with hairstyles and facial features but it's all worth it when you see your Mii in *Wii Sports* or *Mario Kart Wii*. You can even share your Mii with friends online.

"Shift your weight on the Balance Board to play Wii Fit"

OUT MARCH

Imagine: Doctor

Ever fancied being a doctor?



With the *Imagine* range of games you can play at being a model, a figure skater, a teacher and more. Now you can imagine what it's like to be a doctor with this fun new DS game.

You play as a female doctor who is starting out work in a new city. Freshly graduated from college, you're thrown in at the deep end as you use your medical knowledge to cure patients.

You'll have to diagnose your patients in fun mini-games and then give them prescriptions and advice. Do this correctly and more patients will want to visit your practice. Yet just because you've graduated you shouldn't think that you know it all and as you play you'll need to take advice from older doctors and learn new techniques.

With this new advice you'll be able to help solve the mystery of an epidemic that's raging in the town and affecting the population. It's important that your patients feel comfortable so you can customise your office in order to accommodate patients in a welcoming place.

While being a doctor can be a very stressful job you need to maintain a good balance between work and pleasure and you can enjoy a healthy social life by interacting with friends and colleagues.

If you fancy a career in medicine, why not give *Imagine: Doctor* a go. It's good fun and you never know – you might just learn something. ✚

You'll have to use a variety of tools and instruments to help cure your patients' various ailments.

Getting to know your patients is often the key to success here.

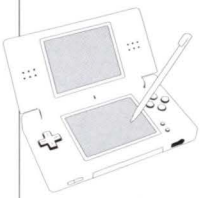
GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Ubisoft
- **Developer** Ubisoft
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No

OUT NOW

Petz: My Baby Panda

Pick up a panda



Animal games are very popular but while most have you looking after common household pets, you'll be tending to baby pandas in the latest game in the *Petz* range.

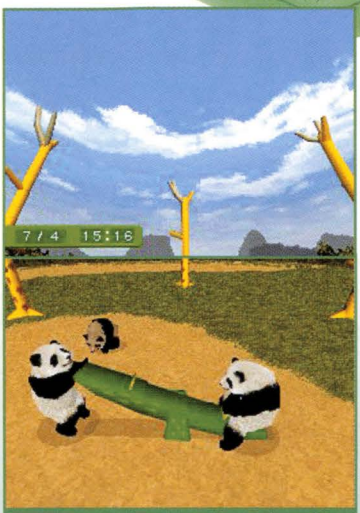
In *Petz: My Baby Panda* you'll get to feed, nurture and play with your very own panda. You can chose to look after a cute and cuddly baby panda or giant great pandas and then play with them as they learn new skills.

As with many other *Petz* games it is easy to control with the DS stylus so you can just concentrate on looking after your new animal. You'll have fun playing with your panda with equipment like a tyre swing, a see-saw, slides and more.

As you play, your daily allowance will grow and you can go shopping for new toys. You'll also need to buy food for your panda from the shops and you can order items by mail via Panda Delivery.

The good thing about *Petz: My Baby Panda* is the way your panda will change depending on how you treat and play with it. This means that your panda has its own personality depending on how you play the game. If you treat your panda nicely, new baby pandas will join him in the panda park.

My Baby Panda is out now and if you enjoy playing it then there's more on offer in three other games in Ubisoft's *Petz* range including *My Kitten Family, My Monkey Family* and *My Puppy Family.* ✚



Play with your pandas in a variety of peaceful 3D environments. Check out that see-saw!

Pandas are hungry things so make sure they have enough bamboo to eat.

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Ubisoft
- **Developer** Ubisoft
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No

OUT APRIL

Diva Girls: Diva Dancers

The girls get ready for the dancefloor...

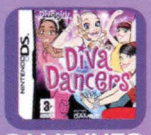
After their success at the Miracle Ice festival, the girls are hitting the dancefloor. *Princess On Ice* stars, Gabrielle, Alyssa, Kelly and Madison are heading to the bright lights of Fiesta City to compete in the greatest dance competition in the world!

Winning it is going to be tough as they'll have to compete against all sorts of different dancers. Not only will they have to test their dancing skills against other girls but they'll have to face off against the boys as they bust some moves against the b-boys and bullies.

Yet even if they manage to win those contests they'll face their toughest challenge of the lot as the girls have to compete against each other to take the title.

Like *Princess On Ice*, it is a rhythm action game which means you have to tap the screen with the stylus in time with the music. There are new steps to learn and you'll have to master them all if you are to beat the champion dancer in each of the 14 locations. In addition to winning the dance competition in the Story mode, you can take on a friend in multiplayer mode. It all adds up to another fun DS dancing game. +

Choose a cool outfit for your Diva Girl before showing off some great moves on the dancefloor.



GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** 505 Games
- **Developer** Arc System Works
- **Multiplayer** 2
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

"You'll have to master all the steps if you are to beat the champion dancer"

OUT APRIL

Diva Girls: Princess On Ice

It's a miracle on ice!

You'll have to put in some practice on the rink to make sure you're ready for the Miracle Ice Festival.

Can you master all the new tricks on offer?

GAME INF

- **Format** Wii
- **Publisher** 505 Games
- **Developer** Arc System Works
- **Multiplayer** 1-2
- **Wi-Fi** No

Like *Dancing On Ice* but without Ray Quinn, Jessica Taylor and other D-list celebs, *Princess On Ice* has you trying to win over judges with your skating skills.

The game already has many fans on DS and now it's making its Wii debut. As with the DS version, cute Kelly, sassy Madison, bookworm Alyssa and classy Gabrielle are going for glory in the Miracle Ice Festival. This time you'll be using your Wii Remote or Balance Board to skate and perform tricks in front of fans.

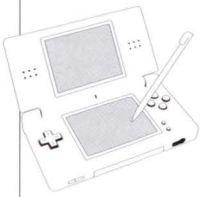
Yet, before you start showing off your skills, you have to get the basics right so it's important that you train hard for the competition. As you train, you'll unlock new skating skills that will wow the judges.

It's not just about technique though. You've got to put on a show and to really entertain you've got to make sure you look good. So before you start skating, you should take time choosing and customising your outfit to make sure that you sparkle on the ice. This is an ice dancing competition that you really won't want to miss. +

OUT NOW

Mind Your Language

Learn French, Spanish, German or Japanese



Being able to speak a second language is a great skill to have but learning all the new words at school or with phrase books can feel like a bit of a chore. So here's *Mind Your Language*, a new DS game that makes learning languages fun for everyone.

There are French, Spanish, German and Japanese games and each version has four difficulty levels so you can start with the basics. Yet what gives *Mind Your Language* more character than a phrase book is the way it enables you to pick a school pupil to play as and customise.

When it comes to learning you won't be repeating words parrot fashion like you do with learning aids. Instead, you start at the bottom with basic words and phrases and, as you progress, your dictionary will grow and you'll learn more. You can read every word in your dictionary and you'll also be able to hear each one spoken aloud so you can pronounce them correctly.

The mini-games, which include basketball and a catapult game, also enable you to learn languages in an exciting and enjoyable way. Yet these aren't just gimmicks – they do help you learn and the series has been made with the Berlitz language school. Berlitz has been running for over 128 years and has 600 different schools in more than 60 countries so you can be safe in the knowledge that you're being taught by the best.

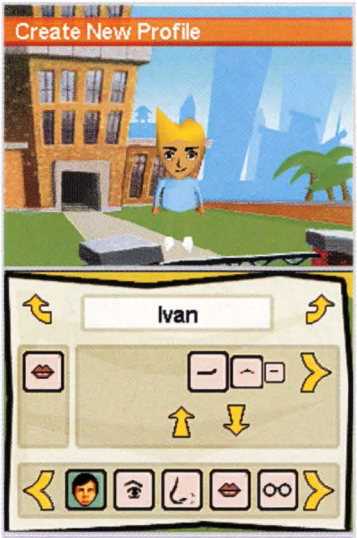
So if you want to learn a new language this year, *Mind Your Language* is a great place to begin.

There are some great mini-games included to make learning fun.

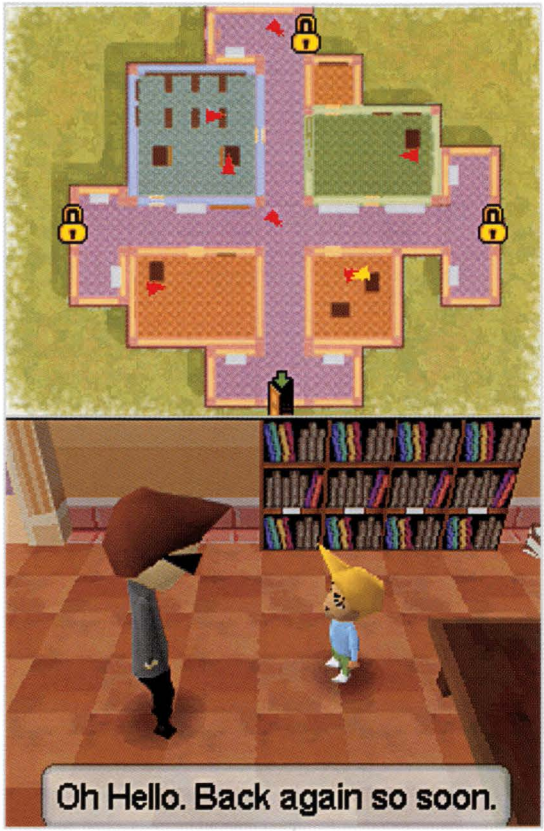
"You can be safe in the knowledge that you're being taught by the best"

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** V2Play
- **Developer** Playlogic
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No



You can customise your very own character in *Mind Your Language* to make it look just like you.



It's all set out in a bright, colourful style that sets it apart from your standard drab learning aids.

Mind Your Language has a huge dictionary available in case you get stuck.

Win! A DS Lite and Mind Your Language

For this great competition we're giving you the chance to win a DS Lite and learn a language! *Mind Your Language* is a range of games that help you learn a new language with your DS. There are English, French, Spanish, Japanese and German versions and, if you win this comp, you'll get the full range and a DS Lite. We also have 10 copies of a *Mind Your Language* game for runners up. Good luck!

What is the French word for hello?

A) Ciao
B) Bonjour
C) Hola

Once you know the answer, text LANGUAGE (then a space) and then the letter of your answer followed by your full name and address to 87474; so if you think the answer is A, your entry should read 'LANGUAGE A (name and address)'. Each text costs 50p plus standard network charges.

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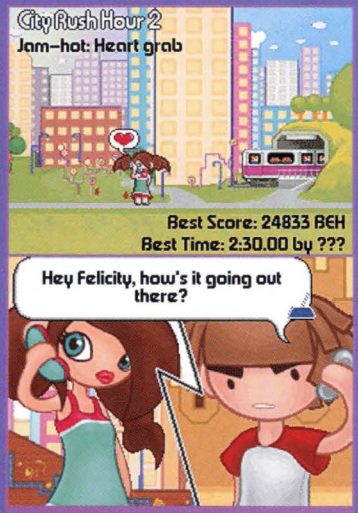
The Chase: Felix Meets Felicity

Dating has never been more perilous

We all know how nerve racking your first date with a boy can be. What do you wear? What should you say? Well, you should put yourself in the shoes of Felix and Felicity, a couple who have to overcome all sorts of obstacles just to get to their meeting place on time.

In this virtual tale of an average kid trying to find love you can play as Felix or Felicity in a race against time to make it across town to your rendezvous. Along the way, you'll have to avoid some strange obstacles. It seems that something is getting in the way of true love!

What makes *The Chase: Felix Meets Felicity* cool is the way you use the stylus to draw your own platforms. You'll be scrawling your own paths through 40 levels that take in different areas of the city including the fairground, zoo, and beaches. Each area will have its own set of challenges for you to overcome but you'll have some power ups to help you get to your date. These include a Time Freeze that'll halt the clock, Love-Rush which makes you go faster and you can also set off a Newton Bomb and the explosive Love-Nuke. You'll also receive love advice from world-wise characters you meet along the way but you won't want to stand around chatting for too long for although they say that true love waits forever, that clearly doesn't apply here! ✚



Once you've finished a level you can go back and play it again to beat your fastest time.

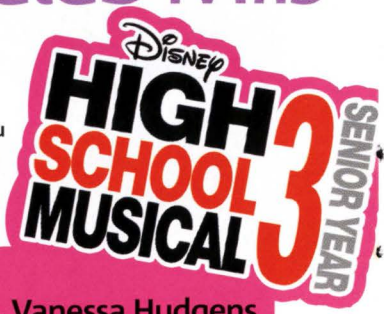
You can draw your own platforms to help Felicity get to the end of the stage.

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Atari
- **Developer** Razorback Developments
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No

How To... Make Celeb Miis

Create the High School Musical stars



One of the best things about the Wii is that it allows you to create and play as characters who look like you. But have you tried making your own celebrity Miis? This issue we're going to show you how to create some fun *High School Musical* Miis. Take a look at ours and see if you can do better! You probably can! ✚

1. Zac Efron

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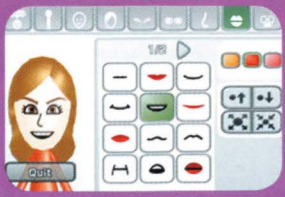
Fave Colour: Black
Height: Move it up a bit.
Weight: Keep it the same.
Face: Choose the top left option.
Face Colour: Stays the same.
Eyebrows: 1/4. Top row, right. Move the eyebrows up Zac's face by two clicks.
Hair: 2/6. Bottom right.
Eyes: 1/4. Top left. Colour, blue.
Nose: Second row, middle. Move the nose up one click.
Mouth: Second row, middle. Move the mouth down by one click. That's it!

2. Ashley Tisdale

Name: Ashley
Fave Colour: Black
Height: Move the bar down.
Weight: Keep it the same.
Face: Choose the top left option.
Face Colour: Stays the same.
Eyebrows: 1/4. Top row, right Move the eyebrows up by two clicks.
Hair: 2/6. Bottom right.
Eyes: 1/4. Top left. Colour, blue
Nose: Second row, middle. Move the nose up one click.
Mouth: Second row, middle. Now move the mouth down by one click.



3. Vanessa Hudgens

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Face Colour: Top right.
Hair: 5/6. Top row, right.
Eyebrows: Top row, middle. Don't move the position.
Eyes: 2/4. Bottom row, middle. Don't move the position.
Nose: Top row, middle. Don't move the position.
Mouth: 1/2. Second row, middle. Again, don't move.

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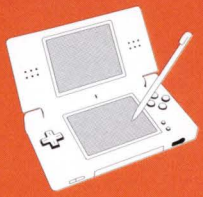
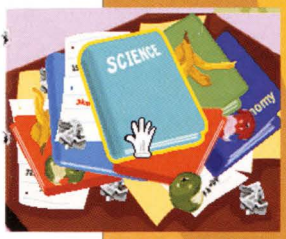
Lola & Virginia

A stuck up snob stirs up trouble at school...





Use the DS stylus to search for items.

No one likes a stuck up rich girl. It's even worse if she also happens to be a nasty cow! Well, that's Virginia. She tricked Lola, a 12 year-old girl from a rundown neighbourhood, into believing that hot local lad Charly wanted to go out with her. Alas, Lola fell for it but now she's determined to get back at Virginia and show her up by going out with Charly.

Lola & Virginia is a role-playing adventure but while most RPGs are set in fantasy worlds, here the action takes place in a school. Yet like in other RPGs you do have to get other characters on your side.

So, playing as Lola, you'll have to help your friends at the school and form alliances. You can talk to your classmates and teachers and use your in-game mobile.

When you're not chatting, you'll be searching for stuff in lockers and looking through debris with your stylus to discover collectables. You can also use the stylus to write, trace, sew and skip. And when you're not playing mini-games, you'll need to use stealth to avoid Virginia and confuse opponents. To top it all off, you'll have to try and give the best kiss possible when you get a chance.

Manage to win over Charly and you'll have humiliated Virginia and had a lot of fun along the way.

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** V2 Play
- **Developer** Humagade
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No

Is this part of Lola's grand plan to humiliate Virginia once and for all?

You can play some fun mini-games and skip in the playground.

OUT MARCH

Mario Power Tennis

The plumber's ace sports game...

Your first go on Wii may have been when you picked up a Remote and played the tennis game in *Wii Sports*. It's easy to play, great fun and even though it's short, it's still better than *Sega Superstars Tennis* or *Top Spin Tennis*. Yet we reckon Mario will ace them all with *Mario Power Tennis*.

How do we know? Because we've played it before and we reckon it's one of Mario's finest sports game. You see, gaming's most famous character has starred in golf, baseball and football games but *Mario Power Tennis* is great fun. It was originally released for the Nintendo GameCube (the console before Wii) in 2005. Now it is being redesigned for Wii as part of the New Play Control range which sees some of the best GameCube titles coming to Wii.

Okay, so it's not too realistic but *Mario Power Tennis* is loads of fun.

As in *Wii Sports* you move the Wii Remote like a tennis racquet to play backhands and forehands but in *Mario Power Tennis* you can play a wider range of strokes including smashes and the infamous power shot. Each character has a special shot which can be played once you've filled up the special meter and these are virtually unreturnable!

Obviously all the faces here are from the Mushroom Kingdom so you can play as Mario, Luigi and Princess Peach on normal courts or ones set outside a haunted house or in a desert. There are some cool mini-games such as The Artist On The Court which has you painting on-court pictures with paintballs or Terror On The Court where you have to hit ghosts with tennis balls. Unlike *Wii Sports*, you can also play in tournaments to unlock new courts, characters and gameplay styles.

It's hardly Wimbledon but it is good fun if you don't take your tennis too seriously. ✚

GAME INFO

- **Format** Wii
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** Camelot
- **Multiplayer** 1-4
- **Wi-Fi** No

"We've played it and it's one of Mario's finest sports games"

There are loads of crazy courts available to play on.

Choose your favourite Mushroom Kingdom character to play as.

Power shots can blow the opposition away.

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Make your DS sparkle with some great accessories

Win!
A Nintendo DS Lite and game!

Welcome to *Girl Gamer*

Summer is nearly here and we've got the perfect thing for you to have fun with in the coming months. The new DSi handheld lets you play games, take photos and listen to music on the go. You can read all about it in this issue. We'll also be looking at some hot new DS games including *Rhythm Paradise*, *Pokémon Platinum* and *Coraline*. You can also find out how *EA Sports Active* for the Wii can help you get fit!

Clair

Clair Williams

Game On

Get the most out of your Wii and DS!

DS

1. Stylus Control
Handheld games are simple to play with the DS stylus as you just need to touch the screen to play. So you can rub the screen to stroke your dog in *Nintendogs*, point to move your character in *Animal Crossing* and tap the screen in time with music in *Elite Beat Agents*. You can also write messages to friends with *PictoChat*.

2. Double The Fun
The DS Lite has two screens. In some games you'll be looking at a map on the top screen while the action takes place below but in other games like *Mario & Luigi*, the action takes place on both screens at the same time. Then there's *Brain Training* where you have to turn your DS on its side as if it were a book.

3. Play Online
If you haven't got any friends around to play games with, why not try competing against friends online? You'll have loads of fun racing against mates online in *Mario Kart DS*, you can snoop around your friends' town in *Animal Crossing: Let's Go To The City* or enjoy battles against other trainers in the brilliant *Pokémon Diamond & Pearl*.

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Wii

1. Remote Control

The Wii has made playing games even more enjoyable. The reason for this is the Wii Remote controller – it really does make you feel like a tennis player when you swing it to play a smash in *Wii Sports*. It is wireless but you can connect the Remote with another controller called the Nunchuk and use them both in events in *Mario & Sonic At The Olympic Games* and you can even clip it into the Wii Wheel and steer your car in *Mario Kart Wii*. It's amazing.

2. You're The Star

One of the best things about the Wii is that you can create your own character to play as. This character is called a Mii and you'll spend ages fiddling with facial features to make your character look just like you. When you're done you can use your new Mii character in great games such as *Mario Kart Wii*, *Wii Sports* and *Guitar Hero: World Tour*.

"The Wii Remote has made playing games even more enjoyable"

3. Go Online

There is more to Wii than playing games. Once you've connected your Wii to the internet, not only can you play games against friends online but you'll also be able to check the news and weather, surf the internet, watch BBC TV programmes and download games through the Wii Shopping Channel.

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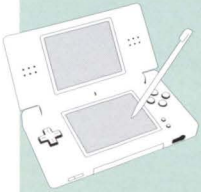
Rhythm Paradise

It's the craziest game on DS!



There are loads of weird and wacky games available on the DS, but *Rhythm Paradise* could be the daftest of the lot!

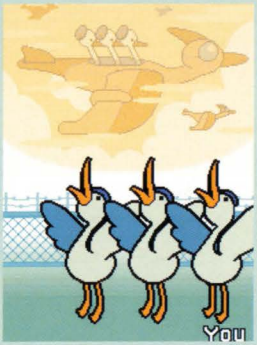
Played with the DS on its side like a book, R*hythm Paradise* is a collection of musical mini-games which you play by tapping, sliding and rubbing the touch screen with the DS stylus.

These games come with a twist though. Every action you have to perform in *Rhythm Paradise* must be performed to the beat of the tune playing in the background of each mini-game. So if you're struggling to play the game, it helps to pay attention to the music and play to the beat.

The mini-games themselves are more than a bit crazy: one of them sees you helping a boy lizard attract a girl lizard by making him rub his tail across the ridges on his back to make music. Another has you controlling a monkey at a music concert and you have to dance and clap in time with other monkeys. Mess it up and the monkeys will give you a dirty look.

Not mad enough? Well, how about a game where you control a stork who's in prison and you have to peck the ground at the right time so the police bird doesn't get mad? Or one where you have to help scientists shake potions containing love hearts into a box as they chuck the bottles to each other? Or even one where you have to help synchronised swimmers dance around with dolphins?

There are all manner of weird and wonderful mini-games in *Rhythm Paradise* and they're all great fun to play. This is one of the most addictive, bizarre and hilarious games on the DS! ✚



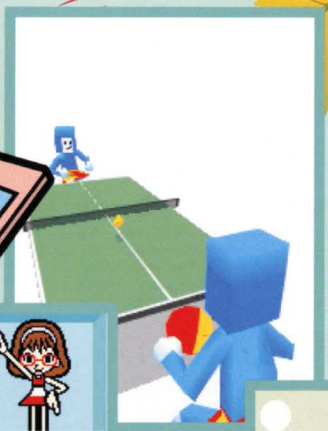
No other game lets you be a dancing stork!

"One of the most bizarre and hilarious games on DS"

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** Nintendo
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No

Help the lizard charm its female friend by rubbing his tail.



This is the funkiest game of table tennis you'll ever play!

Here you have to time your dance moves well.

Help the gardener toss the veggies into his basket.

OUT NOW

Coraline

The game based on the magical 3D movie is coming to your Wii and DS!

This is a game based on the fantastic movie of the same name which is on release at cinemas now. You might even have seen it already. In fact, it's the first stop-motion film ever to be filmed in super realistic 3D which means it's a bit like Wallace and Gromit. Only this is about a little girl called Coraline who discovers a weird and eerie world complete with alternative versions of her parents.

You'll get to control Coraline in this magical adventure. One place you should look forward to exploring is the Pink Palace which will take some time to work through because it's full of branching rooms and nooks and crannies, not to mention all kinds of treasures to collect.

And then there's the Other World, which is pretty creepy. Here you'll meet Other Mother who is like the wicked witch of the story. She wants to replace Coraline's eyes with buttons and It's up to you and your friends Wybie and Cat to overcome her evil schemes.

To do this you'll have to discover the secrets of the Other World, and you'll play lots mini-games, solve puzzles and problems as you go.

It all adds up to a great adventure with loads to see and explore, and it'll make you feel as if you're in the movie! ✚

GAME INFO

- **Format** Wii, DS
- **Publisher** D3
- **Developer** Papaya (Wii), Art Co (DS)
- **Multiplayer** No
- **Wi-Fi** No

In the scary Other World (a copy of the real word) that food may not be safe!

You can use the Wii Remote to shoot apples down from the tree.

Case Study

Carry your DS in style with these cool cases!

ALUMINIUM CASE £9.99

This is the most expensive of the four cases but you won't have a chance of getting a mark on your DS if you keep it in this good looking aluminium case. The blue and pink cases look great and it's also handy for storing extra DS cartridges and headphones.

PINK CASE £7.99

This is a pink glittery clear case that clips onto your DS. Not only does it look nice and sparkly but it also protects your handheld from scratches. It comes in other colours too – clear, clear black, clear blue and purple glitter.

LEATHER BAG £7.99

This may look like a purse but it holds a DS Lite and, even better, you can flip it open and play games without even removing your handheld. This pink leather case also includes a net pocket that can hold two games and has a neat little embossed logo on the front.

PUZZLE CASES £7.99

These puzzle cases are a bit different. They feature a sliding tile puzzle on the front so you can create a cool picture. There are *Nintendogs*, Peach & Yoshi and Mario & Luigi cases and each one has two removable puzzles.

Pocket Power

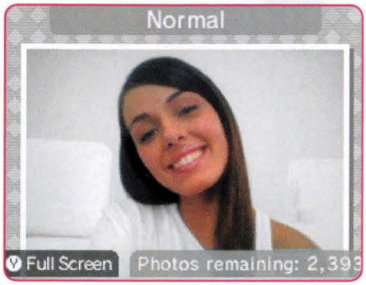
Introducing the new feature-packed Nintendo DSi

The Nintendo DSi is a new improved version of your existing DS Lite. Yes, this new handheld console has undergone a bit of a makeover to provide you with a new, enhanced experience.

You only need to have a quick glance at the DSi to see that it is thinner. But open it up and you'll notice that the screens are larger making for an improved gaming experience. It also features improved sound and a more powerful processor. But that's just the games. The DSi also features two cameras that let you take photos and modify or manipulate them with your stylus. You can also use your DSi as a portable music player with built-in software allowing you to play AAC music files stored on an SD card. Then there's the DSi Shop where you can download games and software. The DSi is available now in black or white colours for £149.99.

"There are 11 different 'lenses' you can use to add a little bit of character to the photos you take"

Take Photos



Normal Lens

This is used for taking standard photos. No special effects are added and there's no need for any more input. Tap the Capture button on the screen or shoulder buttons on the DSi and what you see is what you get.

Mischief Lens

If you fancy making your friends look daft, the Mischief lens is the one for you. It uses face recognition to find a face on the screen. Once it finds one you can choose from a selection of funny props or disguises and the DSi will magically place it over their face.

Frame Lens

Choose from a selection of different frames in order to give your photo a little more class. You can either have a colourful border or choose something a little less serious, like a fake Mario nose (see above) or a wig that you can position over someone's face.

Graffiti Lens

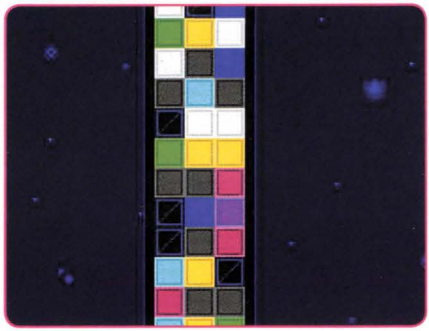
If you think your photo needs a more personal touch, use the stylus to choose a colour and then draw over it. You can also choose from a variety of different stamps (like speech bubbles, hearts or stars) that you can then place on your image.

"You can go online and download new games for your DSi using your Nintendo Points in the DSi shop"

Play Games

Browse And Buy

Once you're connected and have some Points in your account, you can then browse the DSi Shop and choose the applications you want. The Shop is easy to access – its icon can be found on the DSi's main menu screen and choosing it will quickly connect you to the shop.

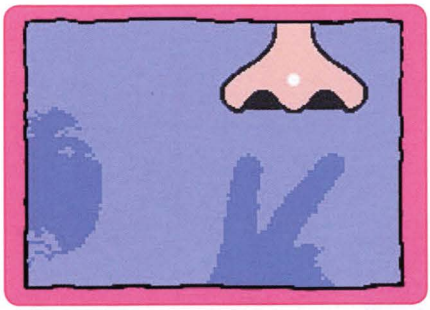


Art Style: Aquite

Part of the creative and minimalist *Art Style* series that has been on WiiWare, *Aquite* is a puzzle game where you have to push shapes into a column of blocks in order to line up colours and make them disappear. You do this to help a frogman swim to the bottom of the screen before a dark void fills it.

Pyoro

This is a version of the *Pyoro* mini-game that featured in previous versions of *WarioWare* on the Game Boy Advance (Nintendo's handheld that came before DS). You take control of a small bird who uses his tongue to eat beans that are falling from the sky. As you progress you'll have to deal with faster beans.



WarioWare Snapped

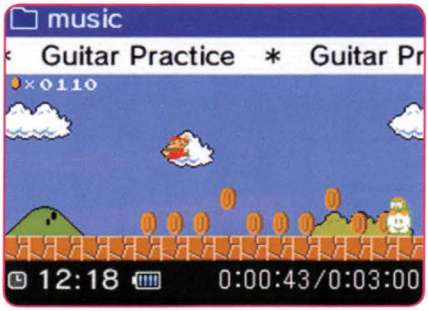
This is a collection of microgames which makes use of the DSi's built-in camera. Use your head and hands to wipe dogs dry, pour kettles and collect coins. Once you're finished the DSi takes all the footage of you waving your arms about and mixes it into a video so you can show your friends.

"You can listen to and play around with your music"

Play Music

Music Made Fun

First you must put your AAC music files on an SD card to use on your DSi. Then, when DSi Sound locates your songs on the SD card, choose the one you want and it plays automatically. You can then choose from a selection of filters to make your music sound completely different!



Play Along

Sometimes a song is so good you can't help but get caught up in the rhythm. The DSi lets you go one step further by letting you play drums to the beat. Choose from a wide range of drum sounds then simply play along by pressing the L and R shoulder buttons.

Sound Recording

In addition to listening to music, you can also use the DSi Sound's recording function to record a sound clip and then manipulate it. You can record and save up to 18 ten-second clips recorded using the DSi's built-in microphone. You can even make yourself sound like a parrot!

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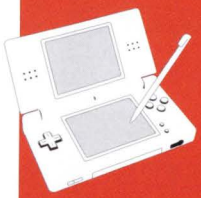
Pokémon Platinum

The game that has just about everything, and a little bit more!



If you've ever played a *Pokémon* game, you'll know all about it's 'Gotta catch them all!' gameplay. Once you start, it's almost impossible for you to stop – you simply have to get every last creature!

This is a brand new version of the game for the Nintendo DS, which sees you finding different Pokémon all over Sinnoh, a new region of their world, and capturing them. Once you have some Pokémon under your command, you can head to the Battle Frontier building, where you can take part in tournaments and competitions to see how good you are at commanding your creatures in insanely fun battles! Best of all, *Pokémon Platinum* includes a new way to play against your friends online, using a clever feature called the Wi-Fi Plaza. This is where you and up to 19 of your friends can get ready to do some serious battling against one another!

Perform well in the three Plaza mini-games and you'll be able to upgrade your Tap Toys.

There are just under 500 Pokémon to catch so you've got a lot of work to do!

There is loads of stuff to do that will keep you playing for ages. You can discover more of the story, which sees your Pokémon come up against the legendary Renegade Pokémon, Giratina, or you can concentrate on travelling the world to collect more Pokémon – it's your choice!

Hundreds of hours of activities are jam-packed into *Pokémon Platinum*. Adventure, epic battles, an exciting storyline of good versus evil, this game has it all! ✚

GAME INFO

- **Format** DS
- **Publisher** Nintendo
- **Developer** Game Freak
- **Multiplayer** 1-20
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

OUT NOW

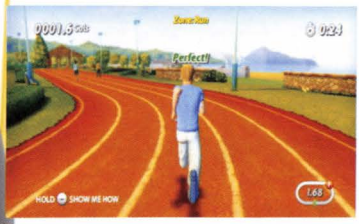
EA Sports Active

If you thought gaming was about sitting on your sofa, think again! Get up and get active!

This is the perfect game for combining fitness with fun gaming. *EA Sports Active* has been made with the help of fitness experts so you can work out in the comfort of your own living room. It's just like having your very own personal trainer on your Wii!

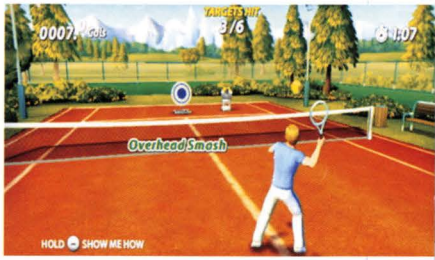
The game will help you to find a personal plan which you will then work towards while being encouraged every step of the way to your goal. And if there's something you need to get better at, the game will show you just how to do it.

You'll need both the Wii Remote and the Nunchuk to play it. The game comes with a leg strap which holds the Nunchuk and you hold the Remote in your hand. This means that the game can track your upper and lower body movements and you can also stand on the Wii Balance Board if you have one to do other exercises.



This will get you going. You start by walking before running on the spot.

Hit the targets in baseball. It's fun and will help you burn calories.



Swing the Remote like a tennis racquet to get the most from this exercise.

Some exercises also use the resistance band (pictured left). You stand on it and put the Nunchuk and Remote through the hand straps before doing stretching exercises that work those triceps and biceps.

The 30 Day Challenge gives you a series of 20-minute workouts specially designed just for you and it'll track how well you do. Or, as we said earlier, you can create your own fitness workouts. *EA Sports Active* is fun to play with family or friends and it will actually do you good.

GAME INFO

- **Format** Wii
- **Publisher** EA
- **Developer** EA
- **Multiplayer** 2
- **Wi-Fi** No

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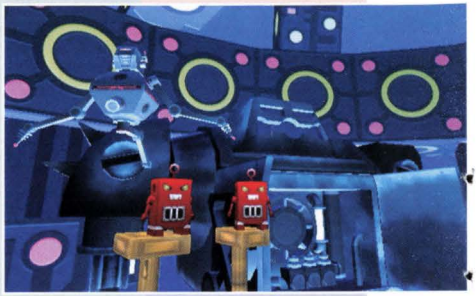
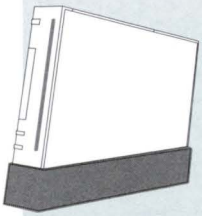
Boom Blox Bash Party

Time for more block busting fun!



There are loads of different stages, each with their own unique characters.



If you haven't played the first *Boom Blox* game for the Wii **you're really missing out one of** the most addictive, enjoyable games on the system. If you have, then you'll already know why we're excited about *Boom Blox Bash Party*.

For those new to *Boom Blox*, the basic idea is simple: you're given a level containing blocks laid out and stacked up in a certain way, and you have to perform a task by throwing balls at the blocks to make them tumble to the ground.

What makes *Boom Blox* (and this sequel) so much fun is how it's so simple to pick up but also so tricky to master. It's easy to just pass a level but to get all the bonuses you have to do a really good job and complete your task in as few throws as possible.

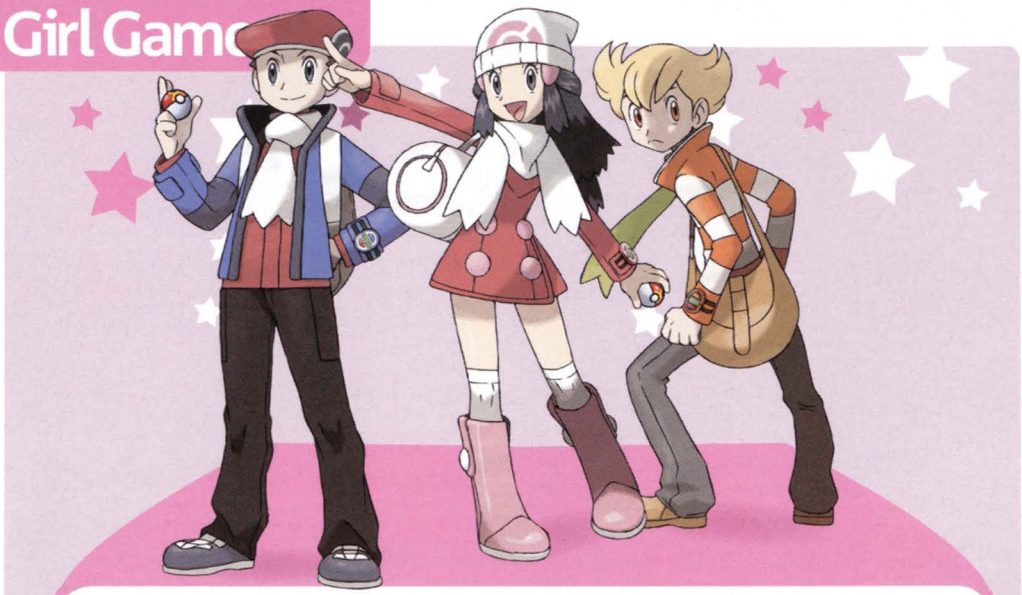
A load of new features have been added to *Bash Party*. You can now play in space or underwater (which affects the way the blocks move) and you can create your own levels that can then be shared online with other *Boom Blox* players. You can also download levels created by other players, too!

Boom Blox Bash Party is jam-packed with addictive action and fun. If you loved the first one you'll love this even more and if you never played it then this is a great chance to get lost within the awesome and addictive world of *Boom Blox*. ✚

GAME INFO

- **Format** Wii
- **Publisher** EA
- **Developer** EA
- **Multiplayer** 1-4
- **Wi-Fi** Yes

Fire the cannon to send lots of blocks flying!



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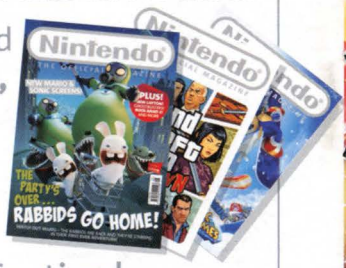

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